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Poll results. Mayor's hardcore supporters reported to have lower income, less education

Changing face

"More-educated and higher-income voters, who may have been on board because they like the message of fiscal integrity ... have gone away."

John Wright, senior vice-president of Ipsos Public Affairs

The mythic Ford Nation exists on fridge magnets and banners hung during summer barbecues, but when it comes to identifying who belongs to this hardcore group, even pollsters have been flummoxed.

John Wright, senior vice-president at Ipsos Public Affairs, is often asked what kind of people belong to Ford Nation. So this week he scoured his Nov. 7 to 11 polling data to figure out who has stuck by Mayor Rob Ford.

His first surprise was that Ford Nation — those who will vote for Ford no matter what — doesn't nest in Etobicoke.

In fact, Ford only enjoys 16 per cent support in Etobicoke, the same level of backing he has downtown.

"He's not popular in his own backyard," said Wright.

The mayor is most popular in York and East York, where 30 per cent of voters say they'd support him. Next comes Scarborough, with 27 per cent, and North York, with 22 per cent.

Ford Nation is predominantly made up of people with lower income and lower education levels. Some 44 per cent of respondents who don't have a high school diploma support Ford, while only 17 per cent of those with university degrees do.

People who make less than $40,000 per year are twice as likely to be part of Ford Nation than those who make $100,000 or more.

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HIGH-LEVEL HEAD GAMES

Alexis Sanchez from Chile and Maxwell battle hard for the ball as two soccer titans went head-to-head in an international soccer friendly at Rogers Centre on Tuesday. Brazil's Robinho scored the winning goal, defeating Chile 2-1. Story, page 30. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Et tu, minister?

Kenney calls for mayor to resign

Jason Kenney
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senior cabinet minister Jason Kenney has broken ranks with his Conservative colleagues with a sharp condemnation of Rob Ford, saying it's time for the mayor to step down to spare the city more embarrassment. "I think Mr. Ford has brought dishonour to public office and the office of mayor and his city," Kenney told reporters. "I wished he had taken a leave of absence ... to go and deal with his personal problems." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Corporate-university deals under fire

Cash-strapped Canadian universities are signing an alarming number of deals with donors that threaten academic freedom, warns a report by the Canadian Association of University Teachers to be released Wednesday. The report examined 12 campus-corporate collaborations and found only half protect universities' control over academic matters like curriculum and hiring, only two prohibit professors from having a financial interest in the organization, and only five guarantee the university unlimited right to publish its research.

Universities are risking losing their credibility, said the association's executive director. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Crack video' made in February: Cops

'Jesus moment.'
Mayor promises a new and improved Ford, with a sleeker design

Mayor Rob Ford was videotaped "consuming what appears to be a narcotic" while in the company of several people last February, according to a police document.

It's the first official description of the infamous video of Ford apparently smoking crack cocaine and making homophobic and racist remarks.

Ford told television interviewers this week that the last time he did drugs (and he said it was crack cocaine), was when the video was shot and he put that at a year ago or longer.

The Toronto Police document is part of materials prepared by Crown lawyers in advance of an attempt by the media to have more of the blacked-out document detailing the Ford investigation released. It is part of a drug case against Ford's friend and occasional driver Alexander (Sandro) Lisi.

The case will be argued beginning Wednesday. None of the allegations in the document have been tested in court.

Pledging to stay sober and get in shape, the embattled mayor vowed to turn his life around Tuesday and bounce back from the latest blow to his leadership.

Skepticism

Ford's vows didn't seem to sway the man who inherited the bulk of his duties.

- **Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly** said he's been listening to health experts in light of the deepening drug scandal around the mayor. "One of them that I heard this morning on TV said it's easy to go cold turkey, it's hard to stay that way," he said.

But his bold promises of a new, improved Rob Ford met with skepticism at city hall, a day after councillors stripped him of most of his powers.

In a series of interviews with Canadian and American networks, Ford promised people will see a positive change in him in the near future.

Packing boxes filled the mayor's office Tuesday as several staff members were transferred to temporary new positions.

Ford told local TV station CP24 in an interview he has had a "come to Jesus moment" and hasn't touched "a drop of alcohol" in three weeks, nor has he done drugs recently.

Asked about the new allegation during the CP24 interview, Ford simply repeated his calls for the video to be publicly released. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ford recall

Mayor Rob Ford appears on Sun TV. Less than 24 hours after Ford Nation's record-breaking premiere, Sun News has cancelled the show, hosted by embattled Mayor Ford and his brother, Doug. Vice-president Kory Teneycke said Ford Nation was the "biggest night ever for Sun News, by a country mile." Despite its success, the show was cancelled due to cost concerns caused by the Fords' inexperience in television. Teneycke confirmed that taping the one-hour show took five hours, and required another eight hours to edit. The cancellation came after one of the sponsors — Canadian Tire — publicly withdrew its support.

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Man Up. Author to lead seminar at White Ribbon Campaign conference in Toronto on Nov. 22 and 23

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Carlos Andrés Gómez had a life-changing moment in a nightclub: He accidentally bumped into a guy, the guy shoved him, friends faced off to fight on either side and Gómez started to cry.

That moment changed the way he sees masculinity, which he has deconstructed in his writing and public speaking engagements ever since. But in that club, he scared people.

"Everyone jumped back as though I'd pulled a gun," he said. "I thought, 'Is that what emotion has become for our tribe of men?'"

Gómez is an actor (he played one of the bank-robbing "Steves" in heist movie Inside Man), a poet and author of the book Man Up: Cracking the Code of Modern Manhood. He will be leading a seminar at the White Ribbon Campaign's What Makes a Man conference in Toronto on Nov. 22 and 23.

That nightclub moment crystallized what he'd been learning about how he can be himself, a sensitive guy, and still be a man. People jumped back because he looked crazy; he looked crazy because we're more accustomed to seeing a man engage in meaningless violence than to see him cry.

"I've learned I didn't have to be this misogynistic, homophobic, aggressive machismo dude to be a guy," he said.

Gómez subscribes to the White Ribbon Campaign philosophy that a narrow definition of masculinity is harmful to men and to women, when the behaviour young men are taught by the media and cultural norms, not to express, end up exploding into violence.

"I think it turns men into violent monsters. It turns us into emotionally illiterate robots," he said. "I've been both of these characters in my life."

The White Ribbon campaign is "the world's largest movement of men and boys working to end violence against women and girls, promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity."

Organizer of the conference Jeff Perera said the White Ribbon campaign recognizes that women and girls are oppressed, but the underlying issues that cause oppression and violence against women harms men, too.

"When we create this narrow idea of manhood, that men have to be tough, strong and have all the answers and anything less than that is considered soft, weak and feminine, that's why women face the devaluation and dehumanization — but it also leads to the pressure on men."

Perera separates the White Ribbon Campaign from the men's rights movement, which deals with the same issues that face men, such as high suicide rates, workplace fatalities and low university enrolment, but instead of blaming feminists or women as men's rights groups tend to do, the White Ribbon Campaign seeks to work together with all people on reshaping masculinity, he said.

For more information on the conference, go to whatmakesaman2013.com.

Carlos Andrés Gómez credits an incident at a nightclub for helping to alter his perspective on masculinity.
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YouTube link: How to Fight

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKMhp7hpYIs

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Carlos Andrés Gómez, on men being taught not to express emotion

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Canadian mob war spills into Sicily: Report

Vito Rizzuto. Slain men who used to live in GTA were caught up in Mafia tensions, says informer

An Italian Mafia informer says two former GTA residents were slain in Sicily earlier this year after Vito Rizzuto's Canadian mob war spilled overseas, according to an Italian news report.

"The feud was Canadian and landed in Sicily," LiveSicilia newspaper reports.

The charred, bullet-riddled bodies of Juan Ramon Fernandez, 57, and his friend Fernando Pimentel, 35, were discovered near the Sicilian city of Bagheria last May.

Fernandez was considered by police to be Rizzuto's right-hand man in Ontario in the early 2000s when he lived in Mississauga under the names of Joe Bravo, John Bravo and James Shaddock.

Fernandez was deported to his birthplace of Spain upon his release from prison in April 2012 after he served almost eight years for a series of Mafia-related offences in the GTA.

Those crimes included a plot to murder a fitness-club owner and a conspiracy to import 1,000 kilograms of cocaine with Quebec Hells Angels.

According to LiveSicilia, Italian homicide investigators probing the murders of Fernandez and Pimentel are being aided by Sergio Flamia, 50, described as a longtime high-level Sicilian Mafia figure.

The Italian report said that Fernandez and Pimentel were slain because they were caught in the midst of tensions between Rizzuto and Canadian underworld rivals.

"Fernandez found himself in the midst of the conflict and was unable or unwilling to choose (whose side to take)," the newspaper reported.

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Body count growing

Vito Rizzuto's opponents have been dropping at a steady rate since he was released from an American prison in October 2012 where he served time for his role in three gangland murders.

- Rizzuto's father and eldest son were both fatally shot while he served his U.S. prison time.
- Salvatore (Sam) Calautti, 40, and his longtime associate James Tusek, 35, were both fatally shot in July outside a Vaughan banquet hall.

Art coming to life in Yorkville

Vancouver artist Pamela Masik in her studio during the creation of her celebrated work The Forgotten Collection, featuring 69 portraits of women gone missing and murdered in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. After promoting The Exhibition, a documentary surrounding her work, Masik is now establishing herself in Toronto. She is showing an exclusive collection of 22 paintings at the Masik Gallery in Yorkville until Nov. 30 and is having a "drop-by" for those who want to see her doing performance art on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. CONTRIBUTED

Verdict. Doctor guilty of sexually assaulting 21 patients

An anesthesiologist accused of molesting 21 female patients during surgery was found guilty on all counts Tuesday.

Dr. George Doodnaught, who was called a "sexual opportunist" by the Crown, had pleaded not guilty to sexually assaulting each of the women.

Some of Doodnaught's victims were in the packed courtroom as the verdict was read, and some people could be heard sighing with relief or whispering "Yes."

The assaults reported by the 21 women were similar, generally involving a combination of Doodnaught kissing them, fondling their breasts and putting his penis in their mouth or hand while they were under conscious sedation.

George Doodnaught
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All but one occurred at North York General Hospital from 2006 to 2010.

Judge David McCombs rejected the evidence of defence experts who suggested patients under conscious sedation could have hallucinated the sexual assaults. Crown evidence found such hallucinations are "virtually unheard of."

A date for sentencing arguments is to be set Dec. 13.

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Murder-suicide bid? U.S. senator stabbed, son shot

Personal tragedy. State troopers and first responders fail to save 24-year-old in drama at Virginia home

The son of a state senator in the U.S. stabbed his father in the head and chest Tuesday before apparently killing himself with a gun, according to initial reports from police.

Authorities were still piecing together a motive and the circumstances that led to the stabbing of Virginia state Sen. Creigh Deeds.

"We're leaning towards it being an attempted murder-suicide," Virginia police said.

Deeds' 24-year-old son, Gus, died at the home of a gunshot wound.

Sen. Creigh Deeds was in fair condition in hospital after a stabbing. A gunshot wound killed his son. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

Police said Creigh Deeds and his son were the only people at the home, and police were not looking for a suspect.

After the stabbing, Deeds was able to walk away from his rural home to a nearby road and a cousin who was driving by happened to notice the senator, police said.

Inside the senator's home, authorities found Gus Deeds with a gunshot wound.

Despite efforts by state troopers and first responders, he died there.

Gus Deeds was one of the senator's four adult children. He was studying music at the College of William and Mary, where he had been enrolled off and on since 2007, but withdrew last month, school spokesperson Brian Whitson said.

The college said he had a strong academic record. It did not say why he left.

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Gay son wed, dad pays price

Rev. Frank Schaefer walks Tuesday with wife Bridgett in Spring City, Pa., where a jury of his United Methodist peers convicted him of breaking his vows by officiating at his gay son's wedding. He could lose his minister's credentials. CHRIS KNIGHT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montreal election

Councillor wins seat by one vote

Don't ever let anyone tell you your vote doesn't count.

Just ask newly elected Montreal councillor Lorraine Page — who won her seat by a single vote.

A Quebec election spokesperson says a judicial recount confirmed that Page captured her north-end district on Nov. 3 by one ballot.

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Police in Mexico

Silence please, you're arrested

Members of a police force in Oaxaca, Mexico, can't hear or speak. They operate the city's surveillance cameras to look for street crimes.

Cynthia Zepeda, director of Oaxaca state's emergency services, said the officers have a highly developed visual sense.

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Ottawa. College takes heat for its new men-only campus in Saudi Arabia

Some faculty at Ottawa's Algonquin College are upset the college opened an overseas campus exclusively for men in Jazan, Saudi Arabia.

They're claiming Algonquin is putting revenues ahead of human rights.

Algonquin is one of 10 community colleges and technical schools from Canada, the U.S. and Europe invited to open schools in Saudi Arabia. And there's more to come.

With a student body of 850 in its first year of operations and enrollment expected to rise to 2,500 by year three, Algonquin College's Jazan campus revenue is predicted to exceed 100 million riyal, or $25 million, over the next five years. The college hopes to expand the number of courses it offers.

Algonquin lost on its bid to open a school exclusively for women, but has submitted a second bid for 2014.

"This is apartheid," said Jack Wilson, vice-president of OPSEU who teaches Police & Public Safety.

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Russian probe

Plane crash due to faulty flying

The pilots of a Boeing 737 that plunged into the ground at Kazan airport lost speed in a steep climb then over-compensated and sent the plane into a near-vertical dive, according to a preliminary report released Tuesday by Russian aviation experts. All 50 people aboard were killed.

The Moscow-based Interstate Aviation Committee, which oversees civil flights in much of the former Soviet Union, said the engines and other systems were working fine until the moment the plane crashed Sunday night.

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Suicide bombers near Iran Embassy kill 23 in Beirut

Lebanese people gather at the scene where two explosions have struck near the Iranian Embassy, killing many, in Beirut, Lebanon, Tuesday.
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Clashes. Lebanese Sunnis largely back the rebellion in Syria while Shiites tend to support Assad — and the tensions have flared into bloodshed

Two suicide bombers detonated explosions outside the Iranian Embassy in a mainly Shiite district of the Lebanese capital on Tuesday, killing 23 people, including the Iranian cultural attache, apparently in retaliation for the Lebanese group Hezbollah's support of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The bombings appeared to be another strike in an intensifying proxy battle over Syria's civil war that is rattling its smaller neighbour Lebanon. An al-Qaida-linked Sunni extremist group claimed responsibility for the attack, saying more would follow unless the Iranian-backed Shiite Hezbollah withdraws fighters that have helped Assad's military score key victories over Syrian rebels.

The mid-morning blasts hit Beirut's upscale neighbourhood of Janah, a Hezbollah stronghold, leaving bodies and pools of blood on the glass-strewn street amid burning cars. More than 140 people were wounded, officials said.

In recent weeks, Hezbollah fighters have backed Assad's troops in a series of victories over rebels, taking back a string of rebel-held towns in Syria. Shiite Iran is the main Mideast backer of Assad's government, believed to be providing it with key financing and weapons.

Senior Hezbollah official Mahmoud Komati told reporters at the scene that the attacks were a direct result of the "successive defeats suffered by (extremists) in Syria."

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Typhoon. Officials still looking for 17 Canadians missing in Philippines

Foreign Affairs officials are still trying to track down 17 Canadians who remain unaccounted for in the typhoon-ravaged Philippines. But they say they still have no reports of any Canadians killed or injured in the disaster.

They say locating people is becoming easier as communications are restored.

Meanwhile, the Canadian Forces are shipping a third helicopter and another water purification unit to the Disaster Assistance Response Team, or DART, operating on the island of Panay.

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Aid contributions

International Development Minister Christian Paradis clarified that the $15 million in aid announced Monday was the government's contribution to match donations by Canadians totalling $19.6 million so far for Filipino relief.

Greenpeace protest

Canadian granted bail in Russia

Canadian Paul Ruzycki of Port Colborne, Ont., who was among 30 arrested during a protest in September, has been granted bail by a Russian court.

The Primorsky court in St. Petersburg set bail at two million rubles ($61,500 US) each for seven Greenpeace activists granted bail Tuesday.

The court said they will be released if the bail is paid within the next four days. The court did not say whether the seven could leave Russia while on bail.

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'Apocalyptic' storm floods Sardinia, kills at least 17

Residents ignored evacuation orders. Civil protection chief says system signalled highest level of risk

A truck and a bus are stranded by floodwaters in a tunnel near Olbia, Italy, in this photo taken on Monday. Sardinia was a flood-ravaged mud bath Tuesday after a freak torrential rainstorm. MASSIMO LOCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Mediterranean island of Sardinia, prized by the jet-set for its white sand beaches and crystal-clear seas, was a flood-ravaged mud bath Tuesday after a freak torrential rainstorm killed at least 17 people, downed bridges and swept away cars.

The island, which draws royals, entrepreneurs and ordinary tourists alike during the dry, peak summer months, received more than 44 centimetres of rain in 24 hours Monday — half the amount it normally receives in a year, officials said.

Transport was hampered by rivers of cocoa-coloured mud gushing over roads that forced the closure of several major thoroughfares, including a tunnel into the city of Olbia, according to the Anas company that runs Italy's roads and highways.

Olbia Mayor Gianni Giovannelli said the city had been destroyed by the "apocalyptic" storm, with bridges felled and water levels reaching three metres in some places. He described the ferocity of the storm's rains as a "water bomb."

Local newspaper L'Unione Sarda said a policeman escorting an ambulance died when the car he was travelling in was submerged after a bridge collapsed in Dorgali. In hard-hit Gallura, three people died after their car was swept away in the collapse of another bridge, the paper said.

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If Keystone XL pipeline denied, rail will be used

TransCanada Corp.
Exec warns company on track to transport more oil by railway if controversial project gets turned down

A worker inspects a railway car that was part of a convoy of cars carrying crude oil that derailed resulting in explosions in Lac-Mégantic, Que., on July 7. An executive at TransCanada Corp. says rail will be used more often to transport oil if the Keystone pipeline project is not approved. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A denial of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline would lead to more oil moving across the continent by rail, an executive with pipeline builder TransCanada Corp. said Tuesday, calling such an outcome a "tragedy."

"While we view rail as a complementary short-term solution until more pipeline capacity is brought online, more rail terminals will be built to fill the capacity gap if Keystone XL is not approved," Alex Pourbaix, president of energy and oil pipelines, told an investor conference.

"And I think it's a real tragedy if this situation continues indefinitely, as pipelines are obviously much more cost-effective. They are statistically safer and more environmentally friendly to transport oil."

By the end of 2015, Pourbaix said rail loading capacity in Alberta is expected to double to 800,000 barrels per day — almost as much as the long-stalled Keystone XL pipeline would carry south of the border.

At the same time, Pourbaix said U.S. Gulf Coast rail unloading capacity is expected to exceed 900,000 barrels per day.

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Train troubles

With pipelines mired in regulatory delays, oil producers have been turning to rail.

- Scrutiny over the safety of that mode of transport has intensified after a series of high-profile events. Most notably, a train laden with oil crashed into the town of Lac Mégantic, Que., this summer, killing 47 people.

#justjoking? Anti-union tweet lands minister in hot water

Shortly after midnight Tuesday, Canada's Minister of Employment took to Twitter to thank his staff for working overtime.

"Just wrapped up a meeting with several staff members, at midnight," Jason Kenney tweeted. "Good thing they're not unionized!"

Twitter users pounced on the minister, calling him "an uncaring boss" and accusing him of "union bashing." Others claimed the tweet was evidence of an anti-labour bias amongst federal Conservatives.

Kenney quickly backpedalled, deleting the tweet and replacing it with one that lacked any reference to unions. He later referred to the remark as a joke. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

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46 per cent of workers said a company's employment brand plays a very big role in their decision to apply for a job within the organization.
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Sick daze

In sickness and in health, temps show up for work

The insecurity of temporary employment prevents workers from taking the time off to address their health issues, argues a team of researchers from the Institute for Work & Health, an independent not-for-profit organization, in a 2010 study.

They found that:

• Workers in temporary jobs were 37 per cent less likely to be absent due to sickness compared to those with permanent positions.

• Workers with tenure of one to three months were 27 per cent less likely to take an absence when compared to workers who hold a longer tenure.

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Woe befalls Walmart

Fight for your rights, face retaliation?

Federal officials in the U.S. are prepared to file formal complaints against Walmart for allegedly violating the legal rights of protesting workers last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Temp Does Ambulance Duty

I asked Darren to put Dan into the BMW's back seat. "If we dump him by the door at Crown, they'll be forced to take pity on him."

Darren rifled through the glove compartment. "Look! A BlackBerry Z10!" The BlackBerry then promptly rang (ringtone: Dust in the Wind by Kansas). "Hello?"

A woman squawked on the other end. I grabbed the receiver. "Hello, who's this?"

"It's Chantelle, Dan's wife. Who's this?"

"I'm Shannon. I'm a temp at Dan's office. He had an accident and we're trying to take him to a hospital but he doesn't have his credit cards so nobody wants him."

"Come to our house and pick me up."

"Aren't you in Florida?"

"I found a card with a pile of unused frequent flyer miles so I returned early."

Chantelle was on the curb. Her lips were swollen like Donald Duck's beak, and it was hard to not stare.

"I know I look strange but I never expected to get old and then one day it happened and, as you can see, I'm not handling it well. I know I look ridiculous."

On cue both Darren and I chimed, "No, you look great!"

Darren added, "I'm sure your lips will look terrific once they deflate, Chantelle."

Chantelle was unruffled by the sight of Dan in the back, and with me at the wheel and Darren in the passenger seat looking and smelling very street-y. Chantelle removed a fifth of vodka from her purse. "Any takers?"

Darren eagerly accepted, and we soon arrived at Crown Permanente. "You two lug him in," she said. "I'll handle the staff."

"You've got your credit cards, then?"

"Cards shmards. A well-dressed, well-nourished white woman with obvious cosmetic surgery is welcome in any hospital on the planet."

Dang if she wasn't right. The supermodel nurse beamed at her, while another fetched her a cappuccino and asked which satellite music station she preferred. We dropped Danimal's carcass inside the door and two hot guys who looked like Qantas flight attendants whisked him away. It couldn't have been more pleasant.

"You two wait in the car. I'll be out in a sec."

Chantelle soon emerged and got into the back seat. "Shannon take me home. Darren, you stay the night at my place. We can party and maybe you can take a shower later. Dan's clothes will fit you, too. Shannon, you keep the car for a few days."

"I'm Shannon. I'm a temp at Dan's office. He had an accident and we're trying to take him to a hospital ..."

"Seriously?"

"I may be aging gracelessly, but I'm no idiot like Kevin's wife. Just promise me you won't set fire to it."

"It's a promise."

I feel like a bad person, but I was so excited to have a Beemer for a few days that I forgot to ask what was wrong with Dan.

TO BE CONTINUED ...

Random fact of the day

Call it experimental parenting.

- A dad only spoke Klingon to his son for the first three years of his life to study how children developed language.

SOURCE: OMG-FACTS.COM

Random biz fact of the day

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A majority of job seekers say they would accept a lower salary if the company had exceptionally positive reviews online (67 per cent) or a lot of positive press recently (65 per cent).

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Have you heard the Word?

The Word of the Year, that is.

According to the Oxford Dictionaries, the 2013 Word of the Year is "selfie": "A photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or web cam and uploaded to a social media website."

Selfie beat out other worthy words, such as "binge-watch," which is the stupefying practice of watching entire seasons of TV episodes in a single, coma-inducing couch session, and "olinguito," the cute, little, previously-unknown mammal found in the mountain forests of Colombia and Ecuador.

Just think how trendy you can sound if you get all three into a single sentence, something like:

"I was, like, binge-watching back episodes of Too Cute on Animal Planet and uploading selfies 'cause I was like — bored — when I came across a program about the olinguito, which, was, like, just discovered this year. It's like the smallest member of the raccoon family."

Or something like that.

Selfie is the perfect word for a neo-narcissist generation that can't resist itself. Typically a selfie is taken in poor light, usually out of focus, artlessly posed and composed, but nevertheless considered suitable for sharing with the WHOLE world on Instagram.

I don't see the attraction. Every selfie I've ever taken looks like Nick Nolte's mug shot and has been instantly deleted. I guess I need to spend more time getting in touch with my inner 15-year-old girl.

I'm obviously in the minority. Oxford picked selfie because the frequency of use has increased by 17,000 per cent over the same time last year.

Which leads me to wonder if the Oxonians are running some vast offshore language surveillance pound where bearded professors in tweed and leather elbow-patched jackets monitor the world's conversations while sipping sherry.

You should know as well that Oxford's not the only outfit engaging in this Word of the Year racket. In fact, there's even a Word of the Year season. This year's began on Nov. 5, when the Global Language Monitor issued its 10 Top Words, which, oddly enough, does not include selfie. The two lists do however share "twerking," which is defined as: "To dance to popular music in a sexually provocative manner involving thrusting hip movements and a low, squatting stance." As in: "Look, Daddy, Hanna Montana's twerking."

The Word of the Year season ends, thankfully, in January, when the American Dialect Society announces its candidate. Last year's, by the way, was "hashtag," as in "#decline of Western civilization."

Meanwhile, you'll have to excuse me. I'm not feeling too well. I dropped my smartphone into the toilet while I was taking a selfie of me taking a selfie in the bathroom mirror, and now I'm suffering from nomophobia (2012 runner-up) which means "anxiety caused by being without one's mobile phone."

I feel so unfriended (2009).

ZOOM

Shot with a DIY cam? Snow way

A Russian photographer proves you don't need expensive equipment to take wonderful macro photographs.

Alexey Kljatov, from Moscow, used a homemade camera rig consisting of a wooden board, adhesive tape, a piece of glass and a $45 lens from an old camera to capture the beautiful shapes of snowflakes.

Kljatov's images prove that no two snowflakes are alike, but it's down to atmospheric factors that give snow crystals their uniqueness. Snowflakes are hexagonal in shape in their basic form, but once they've fallen, the crystals interact with temperature, vapour and gravity.

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Photog's viewpoint

"As the first frost arrives, I spread my woolen scarf on my open-air balcony and wait for the snowflakes to fall."
Alexey Kljatov

Kljatov's DIY setup features a Canon Powershot A650 and a 44M-5 Helios lens from a Soviet Zenit camera. COURTESY ALEXEY KLJATOV

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Congratulations to 'selfie' for deservedly bringing home the Oxford Dictionaries 2013 Word of the Year tiara. We glanced away from the bathroom mirror long enough to check the official shortlist, and here are some of the runners-up.

A picture of two people taking a photo of themselves — also known as a group selfie. BOB DASS/FLICKR

Twerk:

Credit pearl-clutchers trying to shield us from the evils of Miley Cyrus for teaching our elders about twerking. However, the excellence of We Can't Stop aside, Miley isn't the twerk authority. Seek out Big Freedia, the mighty New Orleans rapper with a mightier stage show and cut-to-the-chase lyrics like "a-- over here/a-- over there/a-- everywhere." Bonus: An instructional video on teaching your dog to twerk.(bigfreedia.com)

Binge-Watch:

Breaking Bad was to binge-watching what Miley was to twerking. Sadly, one of them will never be heard from again. But if you happen to be up to date on the fate of Walter White, there's plenty of other binge-worthy shows on Netflix. Top of the Lake and The 4400 are fine fare for drama fans. Archer and Peep Show are shining beacons of comedy.

Schmeat:

Synthetically made meat that's less pejoratively known as "in-vitro." In August, a team of scientists served up the world's first hamburger made from the stuff, the end stage of a process that began with harvesting muscle cells from a living cow. The world's rising demand for food isn't a passing trend, so pencil schmeat in as a 2014 contender. Learn more about how it was done at culturedbeef.net.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Oxford Dictionary declared 'selfie' 2013's word of the year. Whatevs. Nominate a word of the year for our Best Of List

@Canucklehead_ca: twerk: As in, "Guess I have time for a quick beer before I get back twerk." Cheers!

@CHFIErin: Anything but "adorbs". It's just "ridic".

@Xenojay: At least it's not "duckface"? #Selfie #WordOfTheYear #HumansAreTerrible

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Rock 'n' roll's temp-tation

Filling the shoes of an established artist is never easy but sometimes 15 minutes of fame is all you need to jump start a career or revitalize an existing one.

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Tim "Ripper" Owens

One minute he's a hardcore Judas Priest fanboy screaming his favourite band's songs as the frontman of a tribute act and the next minute he's stepping in for Rob Halford behind the mic.

During his seven-year stretch with the British metal gods, Owens recorded a pair of studio albums (Jugulator and Demolition) and a couple live ones and garnered a Grammy nomination for best metal performance in 1999 for Bullet Train.

Aftermath: Owens' fan-to-frontman story inspired the Mark Wahlberg movie Rock Star.

David Coverdale

Before Whitesnake and achieving monster balladeer immortality, Coverdale read an article in Melody Maker that changed his life.

Ian Gillan had quit the band and Deep Purple were auditioning singers. Coverdale's bluesy vocals and impressive rocker hair fit the bill and just like that he's heading to America for the first time and walking out on a stage in front of over 200,000 screaming fans at 1974's California Jam.

You can hear Coverdale on Purple's Burn, Stormbringer, and Come Taste the Band.

Aftermath: "An' here I go again on my own/ Goin' down the only road I've ever known/ Like a drifter I was born to walk alone."

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J.D. Fortune

After hearing guitarist Tim Farriss tell him the words he was praying to hear, "You are right for our band," on the finale of CBS's Rock Star: INXS, Fortune went from sleeping in his car to touring the world with one of Australia's sexiest musical exports.

It was a fairy tale dream come true for the Mississauga native.

A longtime fan, the first song Fortune learned to play on the guitar growing up was the band's smash Devil Inside.

Aftermath: INXS fired Fortune in 2011. Chasing Fortune a film about J.D.'swild ride and his attempts to keep on rocking premieres Nov. 12 on Super Channel.

Ronnie James Dio

After Black Sabbath sacked Ozzy Osbourne in 1979, Ronnie James Dio — who had previously fronted Elf and Rainbow — was tapped to join heavy metal's most influential band.

Dio revitalized Sabbath during his original three-year spell with the band and also returned in the early '90s to record Dehumanizer.

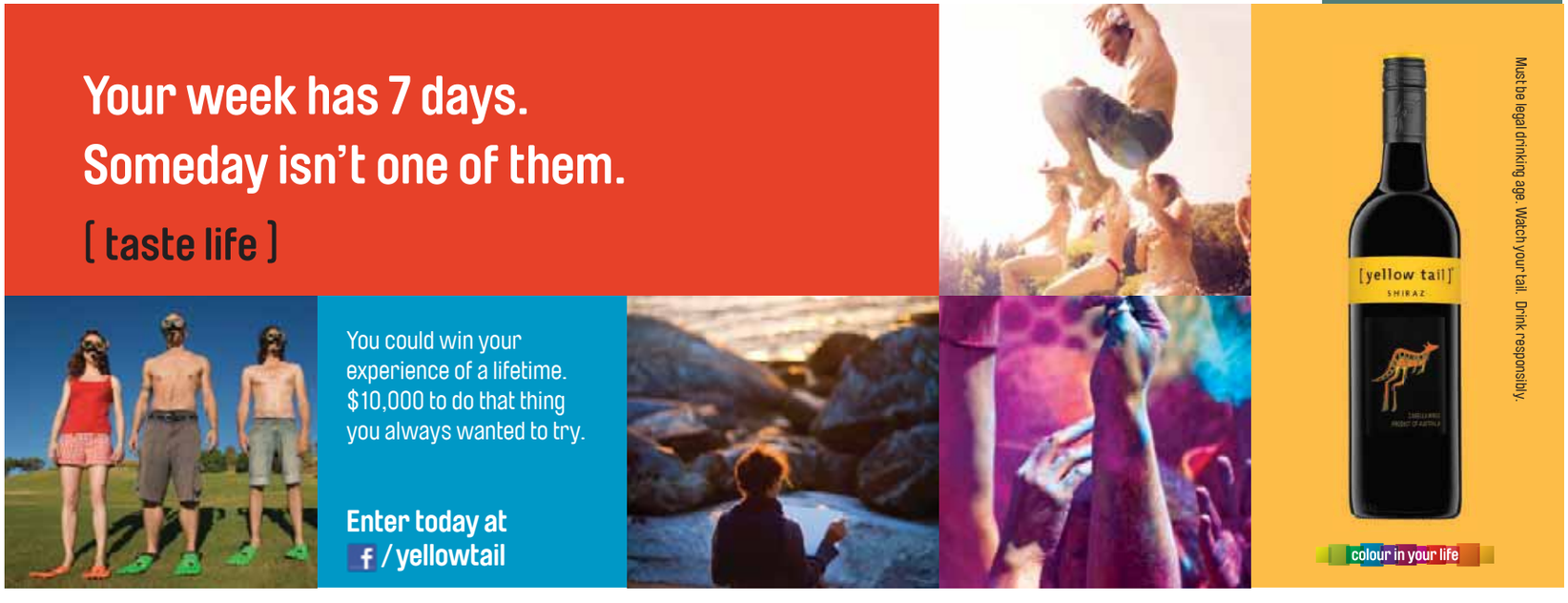
Aftermath: Dio was a successful '80s solo artist spurred by the strength of hits like Holy Diver and Rainbow in the Dark. Before his untimely passing in 2010 he would "temp" again with Sabbath buddies Tony Iommi and Geezer Butler on a 98-date world tour under the band name Heaven & Hell.

Adam Lambert

While nobody can really replace Freddie Mercury, the American Idol Season 8 glam rocking runner-up has the dramatic chops and requisite vocal gymnastic abilities to do Queen anthems We are the Champions and Bohemian Rhapsody justice.

Following the five year Queen + Paul Rodgers collaboration, which resulted in a pair of world tours and a studio album, Lambert has stepped up to the plate.

Aftermath: Lambert last performed with Queen at this fall's iHeart Radio Festival and he had a guest stint on Glee this month.



Stanley Tucci plays Caesar Flickerman in The Hunger Games films. CONTRIBUTED

Stanley Tucci — the odds are ever in his favour

Catching hire. Hunger Games actor finds success in a diverse number of Hollywood roles.

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Is Stanley Tucci the busiest actor in Hollywood? This year alone added five movies to his IMDB page with five more in the pipeline for 2014.

This weekend in Hunger Games: Catching Fire, he plays Caesar Flickerman, the elaborately coiffured host of The Hunger Games television broadcasts. Despite being disguised with wild wigs, fake teeth and plenty of bronzer, it is unmistakably Tucci, one of the most interesting actors working today.

He made his big screen debut in the 1985 gangster comedy Prizzi's Honor followed by several years of dues-paying stage work and movie roles like Second Dock Worker in Who's That Girl before landing recurring spots on Miami Vice and Wiseguy.

A succession of supporting roles lead to the one-two punch that made him a name actor. Producer Steven Bochco's television drama Murder One cast Tucci as Richard Cross, a Machiavellian multimillionaire accused of the strangulation of a 15-year-old girl.

The following year a much different part earned him an Independent Spirit Award nomination for best actor. In The Big Night he plays Secondo, owner of an Italian restaurant called Paradise. The place is slowly going broke but may get a boost from a visit by singer Louis Prima. If Prima shows up the restaurant will have a big night and be saved from bankruptcy.

It's not only one of the greatest food movies ever made — you'll want to go for risotto afterward — but it also features what Rolling Stone's Peter Travers called "an unforgettable acting duet" between Tucci and Tony Shalhoub, who plays his temperamental chef brother, "that is as richly authentic as the food."

Since then Tucci has played everything from villains — strangling a Supreme Court justice in The Pelican Brief — to a flamboyant nightclub manager in Burlesque, to the God of wine Dyonisius in Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters to Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Opposite just Meryl Streep alone he's played everything from a gay art director in The Devil Wears Prada to Julia Child's loving diplomat husband Paul in Julie & Julia.

In 2010 he received his first (but probably not last) Oscar nomination for his work in The Lovely Bones. He played the murderous Mr. Harvey, all twitchy movements and squeaky voice; he was Norman Bates without the overbearing mom.

"I don't like to watch things about serial killers or kids getting hurt," he said, "but this was something beyond that. It was an exploration of loss and hope."

Fandemonium. 700 fans camp out for Catching Fire premiere in L.A.

Seven hundred fans of the popular book trilogy The Hunger Games spent the weekend camped out on the concrete in front of L.A. Live plaza, where they were rewarded with games, celebrity meetings and tickets to Monday's premiere of The Hunger Games: Catching Fire.

Fan camp participants won their camping spots in an online lottery. The camp began Saturday morning, when fans were split into "districts," echoing a tenet from the books. They were responsible for their own tents and sleeping gear, but Lionsgate, which also hosted a fan camp for the first Hunger Games film, provided diversions such as cast visits and contests.

Director Francis Lawrence and star Josh Hutcherson were among the stars who dropped by during the two-and-a-half-day campout.

"I'm floored!" said Alyce Kozar, 24, who said she just joined the fan camp "to be with those sharing my fandom."

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire opens in theatres Friday.

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Hello Mr. Bond, he's been expecting you

You only live twice. Screenwriter's decades-long legal battle kept famous James Bond super villain Ernst Blofeld in the dark, until now (maybe)

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York City

It's been 30 years since James Bond super villain Ernst Blofeld terrorized movie screens. Predictably, you can blame a lawsuit.

For 50 years a legal battle ensued with screenwriter Kevin McClory, who died in 2006. But word has come that his estate has settled with Bond studio MGM and production house Danjaq. This means — but does not ensure — that in the 24th Bond film, to be released in late 2015, Daniel Craig may get his own shot at fighting Blofeld.

Though he appeared in six of the movies (seven if you count the non-canonical Never Say Never Again), Blofeld — head of the mysterious and powerful criminal circuit SPECTRE — was only in three of Bond creator Ian Fleming's novels. The book that introduced him, Thunderball, was not an original but rather a novelization of a script Fleming had written with others in the 1950s, in a failed early attempt to bring Bond to the screen.

Fleming and McClory created Blofeld in tandem, and as early as 1961, when the book was published, McClory sued Fleming for not giving him proper credit.

The lawsuit was resolved out of court, and Blofeld — who changed physical appearances (and actors) but, at least on film, usually kept the tight-fitting grey suit and yen for cat-stroking — wormed his way into the Bond-iverse.

His first screen appearances were in From Russia With Love and Thunderball, in which he was tantalizingly obscured. His face was finally revealed, with a nasty-cool scar, in You Only Live Twice, where he was played by Donald Pleasance. He was not killed, as in the book, and appeared again, played by Telly Savalas, in On Her Majesty's Secret Service; by Charles Gray, now with hair, in Diamonds Are Forever; and finally, his face again obscured (and once more bald) in For Your Eyes Only, where Roger Moore's Bond drops him into a chimney stack via a helicopter. (He dies — presumably.)

Through the '60s and '70s, McClory tried to circumvent his settlement to launch his own Bond franchise, which would duel with the existing one over at Eon Productions.

It wasn't until the early '80s that McClory and conspirators were able to get one off the ground, but he was only legally allowed to do a version of Thunderball.

So, in 1983, the world got Never Say Never Again, a remake of Thunderball starring Sean Connery, even though he had previously sworn off the role of Bond. Connery, now 53 and with an even less convincing hairpiece than in the '60s, once again battled a villain named Largo (Klaus Maria Brandauer) while romancing a blond hottie (Kim Basinger). And Blofeld returned, played by no less than Max Von Sydow. Of course, none of the film franchise fixtures (the theme, the gun barrel opening, etc.) could be carried over. Thanks to McClory's legal battles, Never Say Never Again is not considered part of the Bond canon, and was not included in the complete Bond box set that came out last year.

That was the last the world saw of Blofeld, unless you count Austin Powers' Dr. Evil, who was made up like Pleasance's You Only Live Twice incarnation.

This new settlement may change that. Or maybe it won't. Perhaps we'll have to wait for another few films until the relaunched franchise gets to him. Or maybe he'll dominate the next film, to be directed by Skyfall helmsman Sam Mendes. Feel free to hold your breath.

Donald Pleasence as James Bond's archenemy Ernst Blofeld in the 1967 adventure movie You Only Live Twice. CONTRIBUTED

Battle of the Bonds

Kevin McClory's remake of Thunderball, Never Say Never Again, was released the same year as the official Bond film, Octopussy.

- The result was a big fat anti-climax: both films did about the same business at the box office.
- Still, it wound up being the only independently produced Bond film by McClory.
- McClory tried in vain to make other 007 films, but was still only legally allowed to again remake Thunderball.

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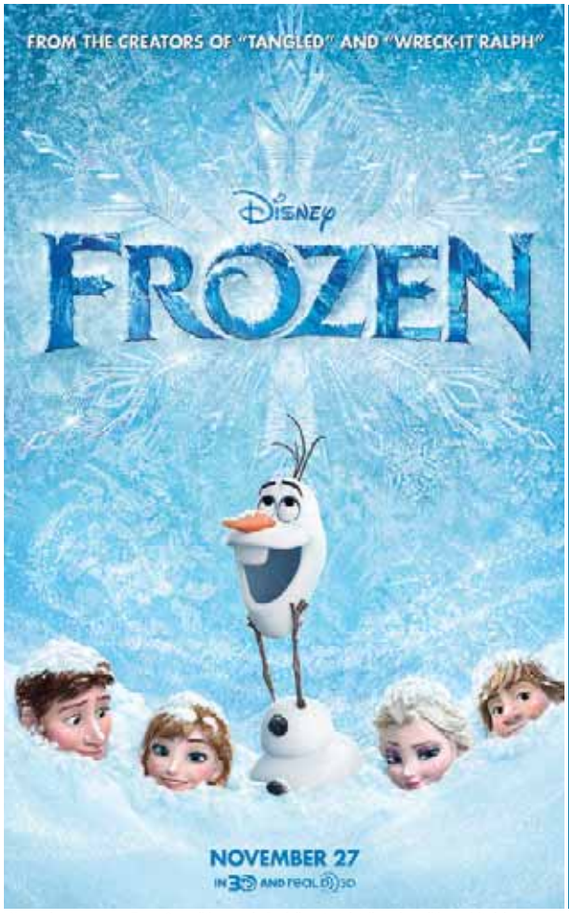

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Brittany Murphy. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Was Brittany Murphy poisoned?

When Brittany Murphy passed away suddenly in 2009, the official cause of death was pneumonia and anemia. Most people assumed that, in the case of a super-skinny, erratic starlet, that was a euphemism for death by drug abuse. When her husband, Simon Monjack, died just five months later of the same cause — pneumonia and anemia — that fit neatly in with the theory.

However, Murphy's father, Angelo Bertolotti, wasn't satisfied. He recently secured the rights to send samples of Murphy's hair and tissue to a lab for independent testing. The Examiner has the lab report, and it tells a shockingly different story:

"Ten of the heavy metals evaluated were detected at levels higher than the WHO (World Health Organization) high levels. ... If we were to eliminate the possibility of a simultaneous accidental heavy metals exposure to the sample donor then the only logical explanation would be an exposure to these metals (toxins) administered by a third party perpetrator with likely criminal intent."

Heavy metals such as those found at high levels in Murphy's body are often present in rat poison and insecticides. They can cause all the symptoms that Murphy and Monjack suffered before their deaths.

It's hard to remember all the way back to 2007 when Murphy and Monjack were married, but the two were frequently the target of tabloid speculation. Monjack had a shady, criminal past, and once they were hitched, Murphy started to act increasingly strange and appear increasingly gaunt. **DOROTHY ROBINSON/METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK CITY**

The Word

The dictionary people want to be friends with celebrities

I think the Oxford English Dictionary is trying to suck up to Kim Kardashian. What other explanation could there be for their selection of "selfie" as the word of the year? Is word of the year even a thing?

The official explanation for the OED's choice of selfie is the word's sudden ubiquity. "It's not a new word," their blog explains. "But our word of the year need not be a new word. However, it does need to demonstrate some kind of prominence over the preceding year or so and selfie certainly fits the bill. It seems like everyone who is anyone has posted a selfie somewhere on the Internet. If it is good enough for the Obamas or the Pope, then it is good enough for word of the year."

Whatever, OED. All I can say about this clear attempt to get RTed by selfie addicts like Kim Kardashian and Miley Cyrus is, please let me know if it works, because I would also like to be friends with celebrities. This is The Word, after all. The Word's word of the year could totally be a thing.

MELINDA TAUB/METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK CITY

The city on the St. Lawrence River offers walks down centuries-old streets lined with elegant architecture and historic sites. Best of all, many of Montreal's greatest attractions can be experienced for free. Here are five free things to do on a visit to Montreal.

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5 Free things to do in Montreal

Mount Royal

You can look up and see the towering trees of Mount Royal from nearly everywhere in Montreal. The nearly 200-hectare park tops out at 770 feet and boasts running, hiking and biking trails, an overlook onto downtown Montreal and a large lake. Frederick Law Olmsted, the man behind New York's Central Park, drew the plans for the park.

Old Montreal and Old Port

The historic Old Montreal or Vieux Montreal district stretches along the St. Lawrence River in the southern part of Montreal. You could spend hours wandering the twisty, narrow walkways. Along the banks of the river at the Old Port, watch barges from a tree-lined park. A walking tour could include the Notre Dame Basilica and Montreal City Hall.

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

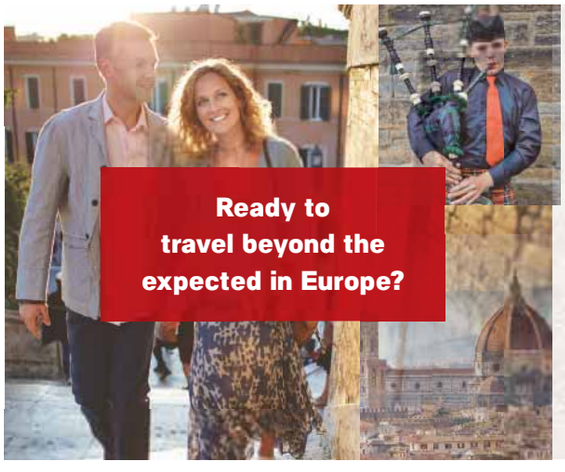
The collection at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts ranges from the European Renaissance, Rembrandt and Monet to Inuit sculpture, Jean-Michel Basquiat and other modern works. Admission to the general collection and outdoor sculpture garden is free but there is a charge for special exhibits.

Notre Dame de Bon Secours Chapel

A large statue of the Virgin Mary stands atop this church on the St. Lawrence River, leaning forward to welcome sailors into harbour. The origins of this ornate church date to the 1650s and the chapel visitors see today dates to the 1770s. Inside frescos, statues and altar artwork rival that of European churches. But the chapel earns its charm from the small replicas of sailing boats that hang from the ceiling like chandeliers, each with vigil candles.

Jean Talon Market

Small markets dot the Montreal streets but one of the larger and more interesting is Jean Talon Market or Marche Jean-Talon. The market has both covered and uncovered stalls filled with seasonal produce, cheeses, pastries and breads and other local specialties, like maple syrups. It all makes for a colourful and lively walk past vendors speaking French and English to customers.



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Oh Paris, will you Marais me?

The coolest quarter. Neighbourhood boasts chic shops, bakeries and boutique hotels

MEREDITH ENGEL
Metro World News in New York

Besides the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and other touristy (but essential) stops for Parisian visitors, the trendy Marais district is a must.

But the Marais, which translates to "marsh" in French, wasn't always this hip. Tour guide Skall (yes, that's his full name — he's French, OK?) tells Metro that the influx of the gay community in the 1980s restored the enclave's cool factor. The arrival of plenty an art dealer also helped, as the area today is famous for its contemporary galleries. Make sure you stop by these other establishments for a truly tres magnifique Marais experience.

Fromagerie Jouannault

No trip to Paris would be complete without a visit to a specialty cheese shop. Whether you like your curds from cows, sheep or goats, find it here (even if it didn't originate in France). Want to take some cheese back to the States? The staff will vacuum-seal your purchase so it's TSA-friendly.

Le Marche des Enfants Rouges

The city's oldest covered market is also the area's best kept secret: walk through an alleyway to enter this indoor market, where you'll likely bump into Parisians doing their grocery shopping. You can buy everything from local produce to international foods. The market is also a great place to stop for a bite, with cuisines ranging from Japanese to French to Moroccan represented. Fun fact: It's named for the red outfits children at a nearby orphanage used to wear long ago.

Violette & Leonie

Find vintage and modern-day womenswear, plus shoes and jewels, at this trendy consignment shop. Designer pieces from Dior, Hermes and Isabel Marant mingle with high street items.

Merci

Picture the Urban Outfitters of Paris and you've got Merci. Shop for quirky souvenirs — Eiffel Tower cookie cutter, anyone? — plus home furnishings (there's a plethora of kitchen items on the top level), clothes, bath products, stationery and much more. The store recently did a collaboration with NYC's Museum of the Modern Art, so you know the goods are stylin'. When you're done shopping, peruse the library of cookbooks and stop for a coffee.

Dalloyau

The history of this sweets shop is almost as rich as its chocolates. Charles Dalloyau was a baker who won the attention of Louis XIV during a tasting. The king hired Dalloyau, and he and his brothers worked for the royal court over four generations. The store is famous for its Opera cake: a thin layer cake soaked in coffee syrup and topped with coffee buttercream, chocolate ganache and a dark chocolate coating (serves six; about $60). Avoid the Laduree lines for a macaron from these guys instead.

Hotel du Petit Moulin

This quirky hotel used to house the oldest bakery in Paris (the exterior retains the original signage). Each room is designed in a different fashion by Christian Lacroix, and the eccentric nature of the building means that each room is shaped differently. If you can, book Room 104 — you'll walk down a flight of zebra-covered steps into your private dwelling. Rooms start at about $336 per night.

Pavillon de la Reine

It's easy to walk by this ivy-covered hotel — it's hidden in a private courtyard behind shops on the Place de Vosges. The hotel recently underwent an overhaul; ask for one of the renovated rooms, which are loft style and overlook the private courtyard. Come down for eggs, ham, cheese and those fabulous French pastries in the morning. Rooms start at about $518 per night.

Marais, meaning 'marsh', is a hub for art dealers and cafés. ISTOCK

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Winter getaways

How to choose your Hawaiian island

ON THE MOVE
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If the onset of winter has you searching for the sun, may I suggest Hawaii? Far more than Florida without Disney World, each of the state's six main islands has a distinct flavour that will give you a true taste of paradise.

Oahu is home to the capital of Honolulu, a city of first class restaurants, hopping nightclubs and the world famous Waikiki Beach. Second World War history buffs will appreciate touring the sites of Pearl Harbor, while those looking for a quieter spot should check out the local surf culture on the North Shore of the island.

Kauai is quiet and subdued in contrast to Oahu. The lush "Garden Isle" is an upscale island perfect for breathtaking hikes or lounging on the beach. If you can afford to splurge, a helicopter ride is the perfect way to take in the island's incredible waterfalls.

Maui is a blend of Oahu and Kauai, offering a wide variety of accommodation options, cultural activities (a luau is a must) and the most swimmable beaches in the state. The twisty and incredible scenic road to Hana is a must-do stomach turner. Local chefs, using the traditional Mom and Pop surf-side food shacks as their inspiration, are credited for leading the Hawaiian regional food movement.

The Big Island, best known for the active Mauna Kea volcano, is home to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The island has little in the way of sand beaches, but does offer an incredible topography of black lava rock and stunning ocean views. Sport fishermen and golf enthusiasts will enjoy the outdoor activities while those looking to relax with a good cuppa will enjoy the locally grown Kona coffee.

Molokai, with no traffic lights and minimal accommodation, is a step back in time. The island, partially surrounded by a 28-kilometre fringe reef, is a great base for whale watching. Motorized thrill crafts are banned between Dec. 15 and May 15 as the ocean according to one local, "turns into whale soup."

Lanai, a former pineapple plantation, is the smallest of the islands. Apart from two large Four Seasons resorts there is very little on the island. It is the ideal place to come relax and admire the natural beauty. Although visiting all the islands on one trip is too ambitious, Lanai makes a nice two or three day add on.

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Bluegrass and a glass of bourbon

Louisville. Kentucky city is home to a burgeoning craft distillery scene

The maker of Evan Williams bourbon has uncorked a new attraction, opening a craft distillery just steps from where the whiskey pioneer who inspired the brand fired up his own commercial stills two centuries ago.

The distillery and "bourbon experience" — complete with tours and tasting rooms — is the first of several ventures to bolster tourism and bring small-batch bourbon production to the heart of downtown Louisville, once the hub of commerce for Kentucky whiskey makers.

Today's powerhouse bourbon brands such as Jim Beam, Wild Turkey and Maker's Mark are crafted in rural Kentucky settings, an hour or less away, but the trade is showing signs of a comeback in the city. An urban bourbon trail features 27 bars and restaurants, each stocked with at least 50 labels, and a planned bourbon district would tie together the city's bourbon heritage with historical markers and landmarks in the Whiskey Row area, where clusters of whiskey merchants, wholesalers and blenders set up shop decades ago.

"It's the place to be," said Joe Magliocco, president of Michter's Distillery LLC, which is converting a downtown building into a craft distillery. "If you want to be one of the best, you've got to play among the best."

Heaven Hill, which makes Evan Williams, is at the forefront with its new $10.5 million attraction — The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience.

It's located in a renovated building and offers tours that trace bourbon production from frontier days when whiskey was currency to its contemporary revival in bars and restaurants across the globe. It features a five-story Evan Williams bottle replica and of course, it has a gift shop, too. It opened to the public Nov. 15.

Kentucky produces 95 per cent of the world's bourbon, and the 4.9 million barrels of aging bourbon in this state outnumber the population here, according to the Kentucky Distillers' Association. As demand worldwide has spiked, the state's bourbon production has risen more than 120 per cent since 1999 to more than 1 million barrels in 2012. More than 2.5 million visitors have toured the major distilleries along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail in the past five years, the group said. Heaven Hill's attraction, located on Whiskey Row, will be the northern gateway to the trail.

Despite its bourbon prowess, the Bluegrass state hasn't kept pace with other parts of the U.S. in attracting upstart craft distillers.

Kentucky ranks eighth nationally in distilled spirits permits, said Kentucky Distillers' Association president Eric Gregory, citing federal statistics. California ranks first, followed by Washington state, New York and Oregon.

Kentucky's tax on aging whiskey barrels has been an obstacle, he said. Still, he's working with 10 craft distillers setting up shop in Kentucky. "The next craft distiller, in 20, 30 or 40 years, could be the next Maker's Mark," Gregory said.

At The Evan Williams Experience, the star is Williams himself, a Welsh immigrant and early commercial distiller in Kentucky who started in 1783. During a tour of the distillery, projections on the walls and TVs delve into bourbon making and detail Williams' life as a city trustee, wharf master and distiller as the aroma of fermenting whiskey and aging barrels waft by.

"This is where the industry really started," said Max L. Shapira, president of Heaven Hill. Its flagship Evan Williams brand is the second-largest selling bourbon in the U.S. and the world, behind Jim Beam.

At the downtown distillery, whiskey makers will craft special recipes and produce one barrel per day, a drop compared to the company's distillery a few miles away that churns out some 650 barrels daily.

Several other whiskey makers are planning craft distilleries nearby. Bourbon entrepreneur Corky Taylor is reviving his great-grandfather's company, Kentucky Peerless Distilling, and hopes to start producing bourbon and moonshine in July. His line of spirits will include a premium bourbon, aged eight years, named after his great-grandfather, Henry Kraver, who ran a distillery in Kentucky nearly a century ago.

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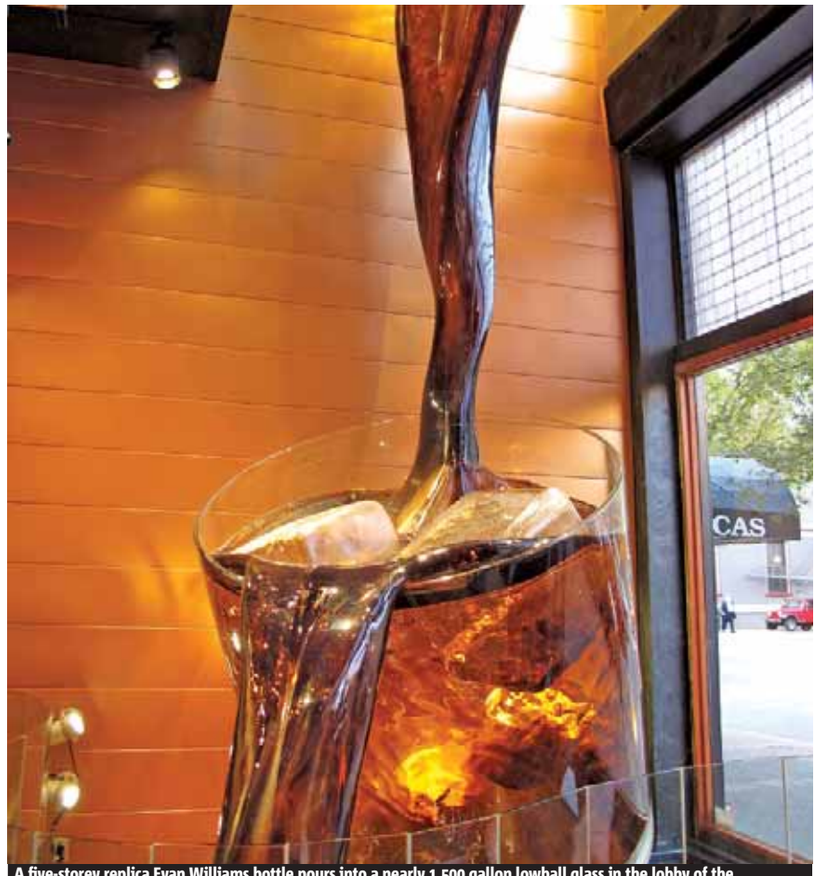

A five-storey replica Evan Williams bottle pours into a nearly 1,500 gallon lowball glass in the lobby of the Evan Williams Bourbon flagship distillery in Louisville, Ky. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you go...

- **The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience.** 528 W. Main St., Louisville, Ky.; evanwilliams.com. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m.-5 p.m. (last daily tour at 4 p.m.) Adults 21 and older, $12; ages 15-20, $9; ages 14 and under, free.
- **Kentucky Bourbon Trail.** kybourbontrail.com

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You'll be coming round the mountain

Beaver Creek.
Colorado ski resort has something luxurious for everyone

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Beaver Creek features 25 lifts and 150 conventional ski trails. CHRIS MCLENNAN

Beaver Creek, near Avon, Colo., offers a playground for well-to-do couples and families keen on experiencing the crème de la crème in fine dining, resort accommodation and Rocky Mountain alpine adventures.

The resort has 25 lifts and 150 conventional trails. In addition to skiing and snowboarding, Beaver Creek has a dedicated Nordic and snowshoe centre.

Guests have the opportunity to explore 32 km of trails as well as Haymaker Tubing Hill, which offers sliding fun for those three feet and taller. Outfitters in the area also offer snowmobile tours, dog sledding and winter fly fishing.

Family friendly New Year's Eve

The third Annual NYE Family Fun Carnival is always a big hit with locals and tourists alike. Each year the alfresco party sells out, so be sure to book your tickets early. The event starts with a Torchlight Ski Down at 6:15 p.m. followed by fireworks that blast off in The Village at 6:45 p.m. Guests stay up until the wee hours of the night with the opportunity to enjoy carnival midway games, interactive inflatable fun, pool tables, foosball, arcade, dancing, a photo booth and two balloon drops.

The Pines Lodge

Nestled among ancient aspen and pine groves on the slopes of Beaver Creek Resort, this lodge offers a great view of the Colorado Rockies with handy ski-in/ski-out access.

The 60-room lodge is home to Grouse Mountain Grill — an AAA Four Diamond Award-winning restaurant — outdoor pool, Jacuzzi and fitness centre.

Guest rooms feature rich pine wood, a marble bath area, ski boot heaters, plush bathrobes and RockResorts Spa products.

Condominiums and townhomes are also available and feature one to four bedrooms with spacious living areas, full kitchens, washer and dryers, balconies, soaking tubs and fireplaces.

Cabin feast

If you're making the trip down to Beaver Creek, check out Beano's Cabin. In the winter guests are picked up in a sleigh and whisked up the mountain to the restaurant's jaw-dropping location.

The decor is classic Rocky Mountain lore, complete with bear skin hide, antique ski and snow shoes, a deer bust, framed cowboy-loving landscapes and elk antler chandeliers.

The five-course dinner, prepared by executive chef Bill Greenwood, offers exquisite culinary panache on the plate paired with a live band that croons moody Gordon Lightfoot ballads.

Treat yourself

Those looking for a bit of pampering should book themselves into the Allegria Spa at The Park Hyatt.

Start off your visit at the relaxing Aqua Sanitas, modelled on ancient Roman baths. Guests can indulge in a self-guided water ritual with a thermal pool, caldarium mineral pools, rain shower, caldarium steam room and tepidarium — a warm room heated by an underfloor heating system. From the spa menu, signature treatments include a Ginger Peach Cure and Slumber Massage.

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Drink of the Week

Spiced Mexican Coffee

- 4 cups (1 l) water
- 6 cinnamon sticks
- 2 vanilla beans, split
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) finely ground Viennese or Italian roast coffee
- 6 packets Pure Via sweetener
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) 1% low fat milk, steamed

Combine water, cinnamon sticks, vanilla beans and honey in 3-quart (3 l) saucepan. Heat on medium heat to boiling, stirring frequently. Stir in coffee and Pure Via sweetener.

Remove from heat. Let steep 5 minutes. Strain coffee into six small mugs. Discard cinnamon and vanilla.

Top evenly with steamed milk and serve.

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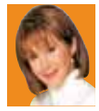
Chicken Pot Stickers go from blah to yum with delicious filling



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When I go for dim sum, I enjoy pot stickers. But, as with egg rolls, I often find the fillings boring, and tasty only with the dipping sauce. My version of pot stickers has a delicious filling, and they're easy to prepare.

If wontons aren't available, use small egg roll wrappers.

These can be prepared early in the day and kept refrigerated. Cook just before serving.

1. Measure out about 2 tbsp of the Hoisin sauce and set aside.

2. To make the filling: Combine the chicken, garlic, green onion and cilantro in the bowl of a food processor. Add the 2 tbsp of reserved sauce, and pulse on and off until the filling is finely and evenly chopped and everything is well combined.

3. Place 2 tsp of the filling in the centre of each wrapper. Pull the edges up to make a small bundle, pleating and bunching. Press the edges together to seal.

4. In a large nonstick skillet lightly coated with cooking spray, cook the pot stickers, flat side down, over medium high heat for 3 minutes or until they are golden brown on the bottom.

Chicken Pot Stickers

This recipe makes 28 pieces. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

5. Add the stock and reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 2 minutes or until cooked through. Remove from the pan and discard any remaining stock. Serve with the remaining sauce. Garnish with cilantro. THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

Sauce
- 1/2 cup Hoisin sauce, divided

Filling
- 8 oz lean ground chicken
- 1 clove finely chopped garlic
- 1 chopped green onion
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro
- 28 small wonton wrappers
- 1/2 cup low-sodium beef or chicken stock
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro

PowerPoint personalities: Meet the four faces of a fantastic workforce

When all four personality types are represented within a company, great outcomes are guaranteed. ISTOCK

Who do you think you are? Identifying your personality type can help you focus your career down a path best-suited to you

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In a competitive job market, it's important to show employers that you have what it takes to become a valued member of their team.

Employers look beyond hard skills and experience — they also want to know if your personality type will suit their needs, and will sometimes even conduct personality tests during the hiring process.

So, how can you identify your personality type?

Software Advice CEO, Don Fornes, along with psychiatrist Dr. James Maynard and researcher Holly Regan, found that top-performing employees can be categorized into one of four desirable personality types: The Giver, the Champ, the Matrix Thinker and the Savant.

The Giver

This employee puts the needs of others before their own.

More than a suit and tie

"Employers look beyond hard skills and experience — they also want to know if your personality type will suit their needs, and will sometimes even conduct personality tests during the hiring process."

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They work hard and frequently go above and beyond what is expected of them.

Their pleasant nature and eagerness to please is often appreciated, but they can be prone to burn out because of their tendency to take on extra work and put others first.

Givers are team-players, non-confrontational and conflict-averse.

When Givers are stressed, they tend to suffer silently because they don't want to rock the boat.

They may possess good leadership skills, but usually would rather be in a support role.

Givers can improve their job performance by establishing a clear understanding of work priorities and expectations with team members and managers.

The Champ

An enthusiastic people-person — many successful salespeople and politicians are in this category.

Champs are driven, confident, motivated and skilled at reading people's emotions. Champs prefer to be independent and strive toward personal success.

They sometimes have difficulty working towards a team or group objective. While Champs believe in themselves and the companies they work for, they can develop an inflated ego and they often have a chip on their shoulder from past hardships.

This can lead Champs to be stubborn and belligerent with management and fellow employees.

Where possible, an office Champ should learn more about other coworkers' responsibilities through teamwork or job shadowing. This will help them develop a sense of perspective.

The Matrix Thinker

This is a creative employee who often thinks outside the box.

A Matrix Thinker is a clever problem-solver and an innovative connector of ideas.

The Matrix Thinker can be a revolutionary, but can also be disorganized, impulsive and easily distracted.

They may have difficulty completing projects on time because of their tendency to constantly jump from idea to idea.

This personality type often has difficulty relating to co-workers. They prefer to work alone so that they can have control over their projects and have difficulty handling criticism.

Matrix Thinkers should push for the time and resources they need to do the innovative work that makes them so valuable — and then deliver results.

The Savant

This is a team member who is really, really good at what they do.

- They have incredible focus and are determined to become experts in their field. Savants are most successful when working in a field that involves intensive knowledge of a specific topic.
- They are often skilled writers, researchers and engineers. Savants are perfectionists and may have trouble dealing with opposition to their expert opinion. They are often introverted and suffer social anxiety.
- A workplace Savant should try and integrate with their team. Participating in team projects and activities will help them build a rapport and exercise their social skills.
- Recognizing these personality types in the workplace can help you identify where your contributions provide the most value and targets areas of potential growth.

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What's your number?

How to manage age differences at your company

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As you enter the workforce, it's likely that at some point you'll work with or for someone who falls into a different age cohort than yourself. Working with an older or younger employee or employer can be tricky, as your age difference can cause friction around interests, work habits, career plans and more.

While it's only normal to find any source of workplace tension a little anxiety-inducing, treat the experience as an opportunity to learn from your colleague and develop your own communication and collaboration skills along the way.

Understand the terminology

The major age cohorts currently in the workforce are baby boomers, generation X and generation Y. Here's a quick breakdown of the relative ages and dispositions of each group.

It's useful to be aware of how these cohorts are "traditionally" described, so that you can recognize and avoid stereotyping and understand how both you and others may make assumptions about different age groups. Every person is unique and will bring their own attributes and personality into the workplace.

• Baby boomers are those born between 1946 and 1964. As it relates to the workplace, boomers are often considered competitive, placing a high value on education and believing that workers should pay their dues.• Generation X includes those born between 1965 and 1977. This generation is portrayed as possessing an independent attitude, skeptical perspective and valuing work-life balance quite heavily.

• Generation Y are those individuals born anytime from 1978 to 1999. Gen Y is considered optimistic and technologically adept and its members value constant feedback.

Be curious

If you're unsure how to relate to a colleague, the best way to start is by striking up a conversation.

Be genuinely curious about other people's interests and make an effort with everyone in your office, no matter their age.

Although it can be easy to be intimidated by someone older than you, remember that an age gap doesn't have to mean a gap in conversation — you've both grown up in separate times and experienced different things, so you should have a lot to talk about.

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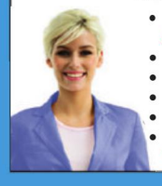

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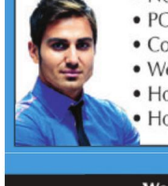

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If you develop a strategy for effectively managing the emails that you receive, you will waste less time and be responsive, organized and less stressed. ISTOCK

When dealing with email communication it is crucial to conduct yourself in a professional manner.

Everyone has received an email lacking a salutation or sign-off and only a bare attempt at capitalization, grammar or sentence structure. If these habits continue when the sender enters the workforce he or she will find that this unprofessional behaviour can have a significant and negative impact on career prospects.

If you take the time to write accurate, concise and respectful emails you will be perceived in a better light and will likely receive more positive and helpful responses.

Here are some tips to help you create a professional image and manage your email:

Compose
When writing emails it is always best to err on the side of formality. Professional emails should include accurate punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure, grammar and spelling.

If you are not sure how to address someone, start with the most formal option like Dear Ms. Smith, then wait for the reply to determine how to address further correspondence.

For professional communication emoticons, abbreviations and slang acronyms like LOL are too informal.

Insert the receiver's address last. This ensures that you do not accidentally send an incomplete email or forget an attachment. This is particularly important when dealing with a sensitive topic. Better yet, if a topic is sensitive, don't send an email; go and talk directly to the person in order to avoid a misreading of your tone or intent.

Format
Avoid the use of wallpaper or colourful fonts that are distracting and slow down the receiver's ability to process the message.

When it comes to font type and size stick with the basic serif fonts, such as Times New Roman, or sans-serif, such as Arial, in the 10-to-11-point range.

Reread messages before sending. This allows you to check the tone and content of the message from the reader's perspective and enables you to catch mistyped words — such as god instead of good — that will not be caught by your spell checker. An articulate, concise and accurate email tells others that you are intelligent, professional and detail oriented.

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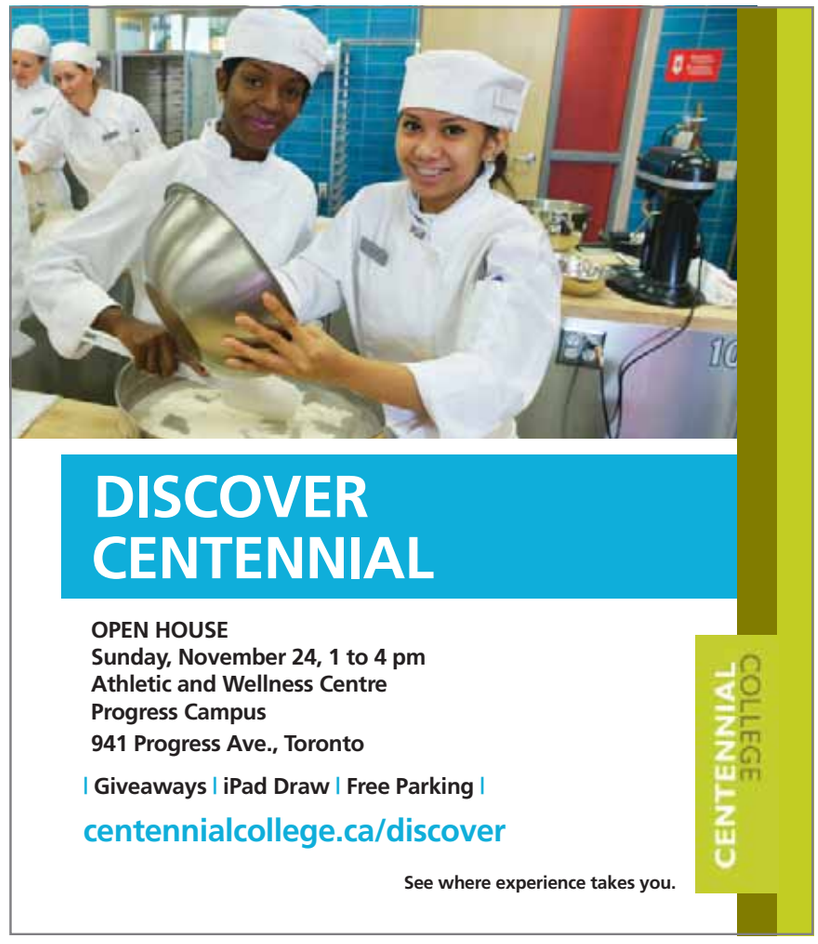
- **Keep your inbox tidy.** Use electronic folders to archive messages that you may need to refer to in the future. Keep the inbox for current items that you need to deal with. This will help you feel organized and less overwhelmed and stressed.
- **Open an email once.** Don't waste your time by reading an email and then leaving it to sit because you don't feel like answering it only to have to return to the same email later. Have a one-touch policy for each email: open it, answer it and then delete or file it.



SPORTS 4

Kessel all smiles vs. Isles

NHL. Sniper gets goals 11, 12 as Leafs make short work of Islanders

Phil Kessel scored a pair of goals as the Maple Leafs beat the New York Islanders 5-2 on Tuesday for Toronto's second win in a row.

Trevor Smith, Mason Raymond and David Clarkson also scored for the Maple Leafs (13-7-1). Jonathan Bernier made 35 saves for the win.

Smith had a three-point night, as did Joffrey Lupul who had three assists.

Casey Cizikas and Frans Nielsen replied for New York (8-11-3). Kevin Poulin stopped 19 shots in the loss.

Toronto opened the scoring just 22 seconds into the game.

Lupul carried the puck along the right side into the Islanders zone. As he was about to go around the net he snuck a pass to the side of the net, catching Poulin moving the other way and Smith easily tapped the puck in.

The game remained 1-0 until midway through the second period.

With Cal Clutterbuck off for tripping, Kessel took a pass from Lupul, curled inside the Islanders blue-line and snapped a shot from inside the right circle past Poulin's blocker hand.

It was Kessel's team-leading 11th goal of the season. He added the Leafs' fifth goal late in the third period.

Clarkson put the game away making it 4-1 at 12:52 of the third, snapping a shot top corner by Poulin's glove hand.

It was Clarkson's first goal as a Maple Leaf.

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On Tuesday

Maple Leafs	Islanders
5	2

SHOTS ON GOAL

New York	37
Toronto	24

- **Surviving without shots.** The Leafs were badly outshot again versus the Isles, a common theme in most games this season. Going into Tuesday night, Toronto was averaging 35.8 shots against per game (third-most in NHL), while taking only 26.6 shots per game (third fewest in NHL).

Leafs defenceman Carl Gunnarsson and goalie Jonathan Bernier combine to stop a shot by the Islanders' Josh Bailey on Tuesday night at Air Canada Centre. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soccer. Hulk, Robinho assemble as Brazil tops Chile at Rogers Centre

Hulk and Robinho scored to lift Brazil to a 2-1 victory over Chile in a soccer friendly Tuesday, a game that was both part of World Cup preparations and a spirited clash between two South American sides.

Hulk scored in the 14th minute, the goal coming after Oscar intercepted a pass out of Chile's backfield. Oscar sent a long cross to Hulk, who launched a left-footed shot past 'keeper Claudio Bravo.

Robinho gave the Brazilians the lead in the 80th minute when he headed in a perfectly placed goalmouth cross from Maicon.

Eduardo Vargas scored Chile's lone goal in the 71st minute.

The match featured some of the game's biggest stars — 21-year-old striker Neymar for Brazil, and Chile's Alexis Sanchez being just two. It also marked Brazil's final match of 2013 and was part of the team's preparations for the 2014 World Cup in its home country — which coach Luis Felipe Scolari promised last week that Brazil, already five-time World Cup champions, will win.

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Hulk, centre, is congratulated by Brazilian teammates Paulinho, left, and Neymar on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre. GETTY IMAGES

World Cup qualifiers

Ronaldo plays trick on Sweden

The irrepressible Cristiano Ronaldo scored a dazzling hat trick to send Portugal into the 2014 World Cup finals at the expense of Zlatan Ibrahimovic's Sweden on Tuesday, while France advanced by conjuring a remarkable turnaround against Ukraine.

Iceland failed in its bid to become the least populous nation to reach soccer's biggest stage after losing to Croatia on a thrilling final night in European qualification.

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World Cup Skiing

Vonn crashes out during training

Reigning Olympic downhill champion Lindsey Vonn crashed while training ahead of her return to racing following major knee surgery.

U.S. Ski Team spokesman Tom Kelly said Tuesday that Vonn was being evaluated at a hospital after being taken off the slope at Copper Mountain, Colo., on a sled. Kelly said he is not sure whether Vonn hurt her surgically repaired right knee.

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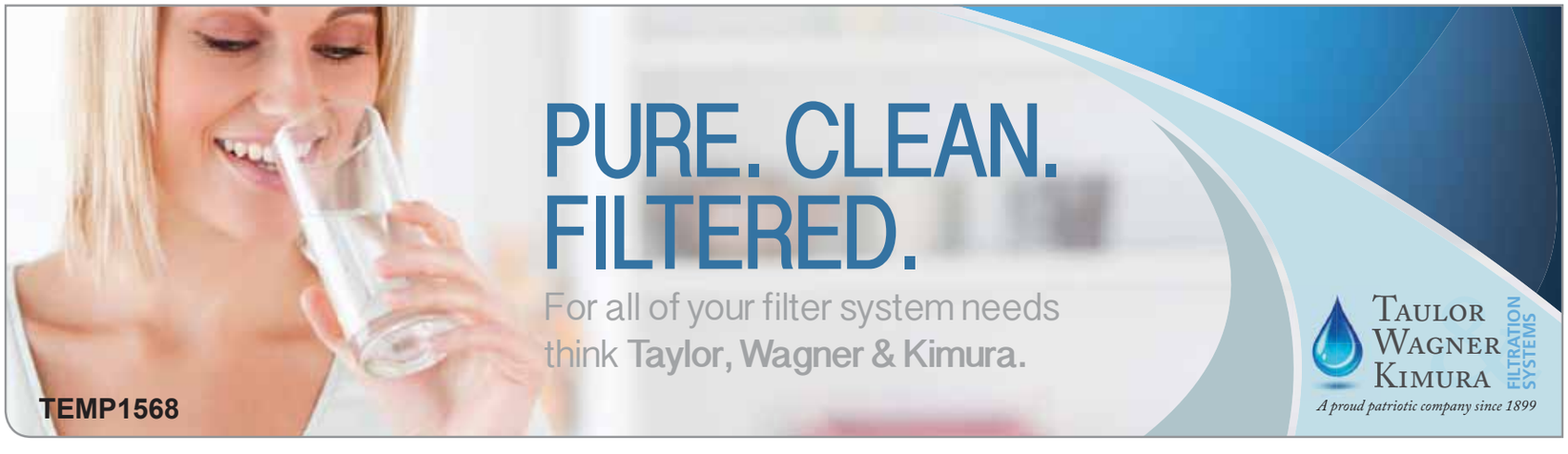

Rumblings of retirement surface around Laker Nash

NBA. Back injuries have some speculating that superstar Canadian is ready to call it a career

Steve Nash has been plagued by injuries over the last year. GETTY IMAGES

For as long as Steve Nash is out of the Los Angeles Lakers lineup with a bad back, speculation about his long-term future will abound, so it's probably not surprising that an unsubstantiated tweet has cast more doubt on the health of the 39-year-old.

With Nash taking a couple of weeks off to deal with incessant back pain, a former newspaper columnist, Peter Vescey, suggested Monday night that Nash is "seriously" considering retirement.

Nash, of course, has given no indication he's even contemplating that; he told CBS Sports columnist Ken Berger, "No, I'm not there yet. No" earlier this season. And when he left the Lakers after a game in Minnesota just over a week ago because of the pain, he said he just wanted to take time to see how the issue developed.

Nash, who has played in just six games this season, has this year and next left on a contract worth just about $19 million. However, the Lakers would only get cap relief for his salary next season if he retired and an independent NBA-appointed physician found he was forced to quit for medical reasons.

Nash is still dealing with the impact of a broken leg he suffered in the first week of the 2012-13 season. It has set of a chain reaction of nerve and pain issues with his back and upper legs.

"I hesitate to even talk about it now because it's probably not a good time. I'm feeling a little emotional, but it's hard," he said in Minnesota. "I really want to play and I really want to play the way I'm accustomed to playing, and to be so limited is frustrating."

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Kobe Bryant

"Felt like it was '97 again and I was getting my first start as a pro."

Kobe Bryant who participated in his second full workout with the Lakers on Tuesday. He still isn't sure when he'll be back in uniform as he recovers from a torn Achilles tendon.

Head case

Warriors' Curry concussed vs. Jazz

Stephen Curry will not play for Golden State on Wednesday night because of what the team is calling a "mild concussion." Curry hit his head on the floor during a scramble in Golden State's 98-87 victory at Utah on Monday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Miami mugging

Heat down Hawks for 4th straight win

Chris Bosh scored 19 points, Mario Chalmers went on a personal 9-0 run in a 39-second spurt of the pivotal third quarter, and the Miami Heat topped the Atlanta Hawks 104-88 on Tuesday night for their fourth straight victory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	21	14	6	1	59	38	29
Tampa Bay	20	14	6	0	64	50	28
Toronto	21	13	7	1	62	49	27
Detroit	22	9	6	7	54	62	25
Montreal	21	10	9	2	52	45	22
Ottawa	21	8	9	4	60	67	20
Florida	21	5	12	4	46	70	14
Buffalo	23	5	17	1	42	72	11

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	21	13	8	0	59	48	26
Washington	21	12	8	1	69	59	25
NY Rangers	21	10	11	0	43	52	20
Carolina	21	8	9	4	40	59	20
New Jersey	20	7	8	5	42	49	19
NY Islanders	22	8	11	3	63	73	19
Philadelphia	20	8	10	2	40	50	18
Columbus	20	7	10	3	52	57	17

Tuesday's results
St. Louis 4 Buffalo 1
Toronto 5 NY Islanders 2
Philadelphia 5 Ottawa 2
Nashville 2 Detroit 0
Boston 2 NY Rangers 1
Minnesota at Montreal
Chicago at Colorado
Columbus at Edmonton
Florida at Vancouver
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles

Monday's results
Boston 4 Carolina 1
Pittsburgh 3 Anaheim 1
Calgary 5 Winnipeg 4 (SO)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	21	14	3	4	78	61	32
St. Louis	20	14	3	3	70	47	31
Minnesota	21	13	4	4	55	44	30
Colorado	19	14	5	0	59	41	28
Dallas	20	11	7	2	58	56	24
Winnipeg	23	10	10	3	61	66	23
Nashville	21	10	9	2	48	63	22

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	23	15	6	2	72	59	32
San Jose	21	13	3	5	72	50	31
Phoenix	21	14	4	3	73	66	31
Los Angeles	21	14	6	1	58	46	29
Vancouver	22	11	8	3	56	58	25
Calgary	21	7	11	3	59	79	17
Edmonton	22	5	15	2	53	83	12

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Minnesota at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Thursday's games
St. Louis at Boston, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
NY Rangers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Florida at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	9	1	.900	—
Miami	8	3	.727	1½
Chicago	6	3	.667	2½
Philadelphia	5	7	.417	5
Atlanta	6	5	.545	3½
Charlotte	5	6	.455	4½
Orlando	4	6	.400	5
Detroit	4	6	.400	5
Toronto	4	7	.364	5½
Boston	4	7	.364	5½
Cleveland	4	7	.364	5½
Washington	3	7	.300	6
New York	3	7	.300	6
Brooklyn	3	7	.300	6
Milwaukee	2	7	.222	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	9	1	.900	—
Portland	9	2	.818	1/2
Golden State	8	3	.727	1½
Oklahoma City	7	3	.700	2
L.A. Clippers	7	4	.636	2½
Houston	7	4	.636	2½
Dallas	7	4	.636	2½
Minnesota	7	5	.583	3
Phoenix	5	4	.556	3½
Memphis	6	5	.545	3½
L.A. Lakers	5	7	.417	5
Denver	4	6	.400	5
New Orleans	4	6	.400	5
Sacramento	2	7	.222	6½
Utah	1	11	.083	9

Tuesday's results
Washington 104 Minnesota 100
Detroit 92 New York 86
Miami 104 Atlanta 88
Boston at Houston
Phoenix at Sacramento

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Indiana at New York, 7 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

MLS PLAYOFFS

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(Two-game series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

KANSAS CITY VS HOUSTON

Leg 2 — Saturday's game
Houston at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

REAL SALT LAKE VS PORTLAND

Leg 2 — Sunday's game
Real Salt Lake at Portland, 9 p.m.

CFL PLAYOFFS

101ST GREY CUP

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
Hamilton at Saskatchewan, 6 p.m.

DIVISION FINALS

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Sunday's result
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WEST DIVISION

Sunday's result
Saskatchewan 35 Calgary 13

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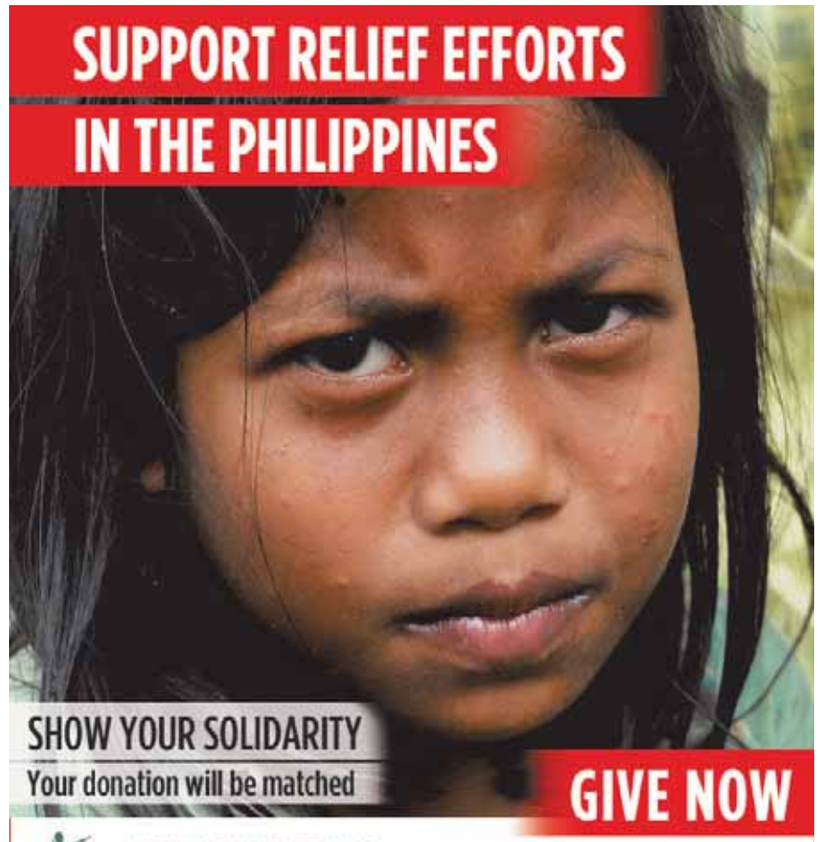
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2014 Honda Accord Hybrid

Review. Honda's latest hybrid a refined way to get great fuel economy

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Nothing like a butt kicking to get you motivated. The 2014 Accord Hybrid debuts a completely new and different hybrid system, unlike anything found on the previous and easily forgotten Accord Hybrid (2004-2006) and/or the slow-selling hybrids still in Honda's portfolio—Civic Hybrid and CR-Z.

This 2014 Honda Accord Hybrid is not just great for a hybrid — it's a great car. For one thing, it is based on the new, ninth-generation Accord, just released to near universal acclaim in 2013. So, like all Accords, the Hybrid offers a stylish, slick-handling package, which offers the same great interior space, and comfort of the previous generation, even though it's slightly smaller.

Honda's hybrid rethink created a system where the all-new 2.0-litre gasoline engine (141 hp and 122 pound feet of torque) only drives the vehicle on its own in "highway" scenarios, when it is electronically coupled to a single overdrive gear. Otherwise the engine functions in Hybrid Mode, where it spins a generator, which in turn sends electricity to the electric drive motor and to the Lithium-ion battery pack. Yes, Hybrid Mode makes Accord Hybrid function very much like a Chevrolet Volt. In EV mode the gas engine is shut down, and you get about two kilometres of pure electric driving. Hybrids typically have better city fuel efficiency ratings than their highway ratings, because EV mode only comes on in the city. But Accord's gas engine has been designed to run in a fuel-efficiency sweet spot when powering that one highway gear. Net result is a highway fuel efficiency rating, 4.0 l/100 km, which is quite close to its fantastic city rating of 3.7 l/100 km. The combined rating is 3.8 l/100 km — the best among the current crop of mid-size hybrids.

This engine runs on the Atkinson combustion cycle, which most hybrids adopt because it allows for smoother and faster starting (hybrids always ask their gasoline engines to shut down whenever they can, so re-starts need to be smooth). But the Atkinson cycle is not best for ultimate power. So Honda created engine camshafts with two sets of lobes (Atkinson and regular). The engine management system figures out which to use and when. The normal Accord is very quiet on the road. This thing is quiet with cheese.

The Accord Hybrid is actually equipped with a noise-making device for EV mode, to get pedestrian attention. I'm not fond of it, but the high-pitch sound recedes from your attention easily enough when you're not 100 per cent paying attention to it, and you can manually turn it off. The hybrid handles similarly to the Accord sedan, which is to say, admirably. The added weight of the electric-drive hardware was compensated with more aluminum panels and suspension bits, and a special rear suspension.

The Accord Hybrid debuts a new tweak to "regenerative braking," by coming on immediately after the driver takes his or her foot of the accelerator. Normal systems come on only when the brake pedal is activated. This does affect the "feel" of the coasting, but it's for a good cause.

The other trippy thing is how the gasoline engine effort and sound is not always directly correlated to what the vehicle is doing on the road. But get used to that, and the hybrid rewards with a smooth and serene driving experience. The three driving modes come and go as they please, in a very seamless fashion. If you need lots of cargo space, make sure you can live with the Hybrid's smaller trunk. The only other caveat might be price. The Accord is priced at a slight premium over the other mid-size hybrid competitors. While the base model goes for $29,590, the $35,690 Touring model is where you get navigation and the newer convenience and safety features. But either model is an entry into one of the most advanced hybrid and fuel-efficiency technologies currently on the market.

Compare

1. Ford Fusion Hybrid base price: $17,000
2. Hyundai Sonata Hybrid base price: $17,700
3. Toyota Camry Hybrid base price: $17,700

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Battery pack

The 1.3 kW/h lithium-ion battery is located behind the rear seat, and is cooled by drawing in air from the interior. The pack sends electricity to the electric drive motor for pure electric drive (EV mode). The pack gets charged in two ways: when that drive motor goes backwards in "regeneration mode" under braking and coasting conditions, and by the generator spun by new 2.0-litre gasoline engine.

Electric motor

The Accord doesn't really have a transmission in the conventional sense. The gas engine is only connected to the drive wheels when electronically engaged to one highway gear. The rest of the time the 124 kW electric drive motor with 226 lb-ft of torque is powering the drive wheels. This drive motor is fed by either the battery pack, or by the adjoining generator, which looks like a smaller version of the electric drive motor.

Beautiful oxymoron that is the big Mini

Latest model. From tiny, ground-breaking beginnings the lovable small car has grown over time but it still has people transfixed

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The new-generation Mini just introduced this week at its production facility in Oxford, England, is the biggest Mini ever.

Yes, this is the era of the big Mini, and yes, it sounds oxymoron-ish, but what are you going to do? People like the Mini, they just don't want them actually "mini" anymore.

The design challenge for the original Mini was to make the smallest possible car that would still accommodate four adults and luggage. Designer Alex Issigonis struck upon the idea of using very small 10-inch wheels, all independent suspension, a transverse mounted engine driving the front wheels, and a gearbox and final drive built into the sump of the engine. So compact; so clever!

When it came to fruition, way back in 1959, it basically changed the course of automobile design. It was cheap, practical, roomy for its size, fuel efficient, could turn corners with the best of them, fun to drive, and looked distinctive and cool.

Over 5.2 million examples and variants, under various company names and nameplates, were eventually built and bought. When the last century came to an end, the Ford Model T was named "car of the century," but Mini was not far off the Model T's rear bumper, and was named second most important car of the last 100 years. The template of a transverse-mounted engine and front-wheel drive is still the most predominant way to build a passenger car.

Mini's modern re-boot began in 2001, when the first Mini built under BMW ownership and stewardship hit the market. And you have to admire the way BMW has guided the icon forward.

The old school was very popular for its practicality and character. BOTH IMAGES BMW

The new school has the character and all-round performance too.

The Mini unveiled this week is the "third" Mini by BMW and it closely follows the formula of the previous re-design: Modernize and make it slightly bigger, but not so much anyone would notice by looking at in isolation. Leave the styling and iconic shape pretty much alone, because, well, everyone is good with it, and there's a chance you could screw things up.

This new Mini, on sale first in Europe and by spring here, is the first vehicle utilizing BMW's new front-wheel drive platform (called UKL), which is also destined for the next BMW 1 Series. The biggest difference over the previous platform is the increased wheelbase (now 2,495 mm) and lighter weight through more use of high-strength steel.

Those two items alone should make Mini a better performer, but BMW promises lots of other goodies, including three new twin-turbocharged engines: the 136-hp 1.5-litre "three cylinder"; the 192-hp 2.0-litre "four cylinder"; and a 116-hp 1.5-litre "three-cylinder" diesel (no word on that diesel coming here).

Interesting new technologies include optional LED headlights, a permanently installed SIM card, electric steering, head-up display, camera-based cruise control and automatic braking if a collision is imminent.

This Mini is only about half a metre longer than the original one, but lots taller and wider. Apparently cargo capacity with the rear seats down is now more than 1,000 litres. Sounds like hot-tub territory to me, and for a Mini, a little big.

Traffic circles are a roundabout way to safety

Driving force. More popular in Europe, the circular one-way street is slowly creeping into Canada's infrastructure

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While they've always been common overseas, roundabouts are rare in Canada, but more municipalities are starting to use them.

Also known as traffic circles, they keep vehicles moving smoothly and help eliminate "T-bone" collisions, which can be among the deadliest of crashes.

"They're forgiving in their design, and they're good for the environment," says Cam Woolley, traffic and safety specialist for CP24. "They're so different from what we're used to experiencing."

Traffic moves counter-clockwise in the roundabout, and drivers enter on their left side, "the same as if you were merging onto a highway ramp," Woolley says. Your entrance to the circle will be marked with a yield sign.

As you approach, look to see where vehicles are in the circle, including cars that are approaching it and will also be entering. Although you'll be primarily looking to your left for oncoming traffic, always turn your head to the right, to make sure there aren't any pedestrians crossing in front of you.

Traffic already in the circle has the right-of-way, and you must stop at the yield sign until the lane is clear. If there's no oncoming traffic, and it's safe to do so, you can enter without stopping first.

Follow the rules

- At a four-way stop, the first driver to arrive is the first to proceed. If two or more drivers stop at the same time, the right-of-way goes to the vehicle on the right.
- Any time you're turning, especially turning right at a light or stop sign, never move your vehicle until you've checked both ways for pedestrians.

Follow the roundabout rules; these can be a great addition to Canadian roads. JIL MCINTOSH

"At times, there may be three or four cars in the circle, with others entering," Woolley says. "Some people think that only one person is allowed inside (at a time) and they'll wait for that car to leave, but it's not the same as a four-way stop."

Once you're in the circle, continue driving counter-clockwise (to your left) until you reach your exit. On larger roundabouts, there will be a sign as you approach that indicates the streets on the circle, so you'll know in advance which exit is yours. You're required by law to use your turn signal when you enter and before you exit — turn it on as soon as you pass the last exit before yours — to let other drivers know your intention.

Unless you're braking to avoid a collision, never stop when you're in the roundabout. If you miss your exit, just continue around the circle until you come to it again. "You can stay in the circle as long as you want, but you can't reverse," Woolley says. "They're basically a one-way street in a circle."

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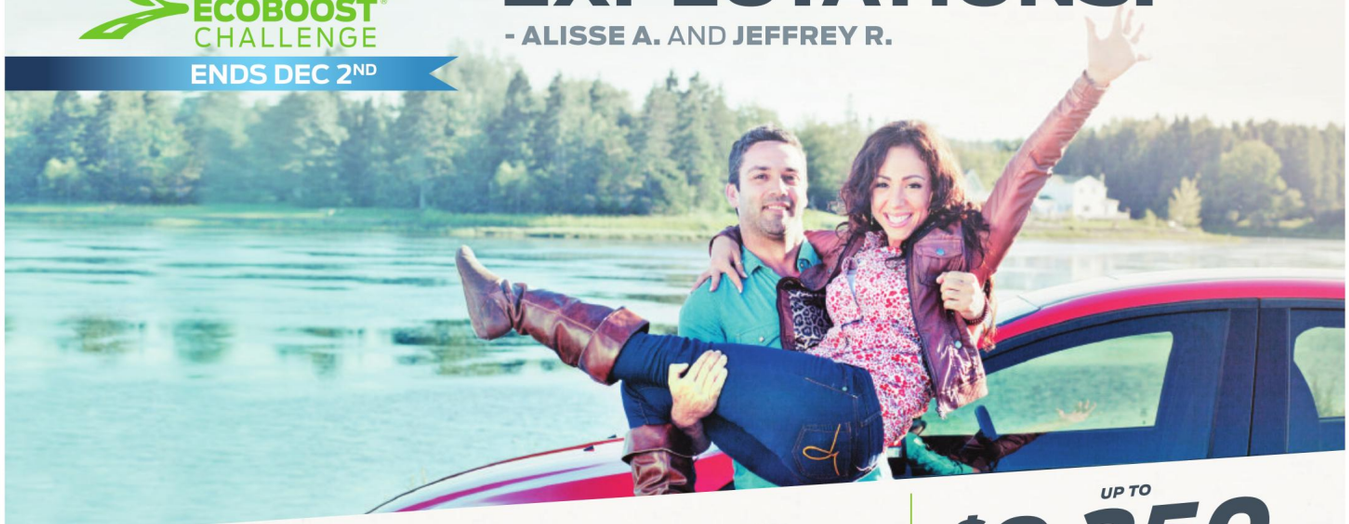

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Actual fuel consumption will vary based on road conditions, vehicle loading and driving habits. †† Receive a winter safety package which includes: four (4) winter tires, four (4) steel wheels and four (4) tire pressure monitoring sensors when you purchase or lease any new 2013/2014 Ford Focus (excluding S and Focus Electric), Escape, Fusion, Edge (excluding Sport), Explorer, or Fiesta (excluding S) on or before December 2, 2013. This offer is not applicable to any Fleet (other than small fleets with an eligible FIN) or Government customers and not combinable with CPA, GPC, CFIP or Daily Rental incentives. Some conditions apply. See Dealer for details. Vehicle handling characteristics, tire load index and speed rating may not be the same as factory supplied all-season tires. Winter tires are meant to be operated during winter conditions and may require a higher cold inflation pressure than all-season tires. 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Fiesta loved for mileage and handling

Second gear.
2011-2013
Ford Fiesta

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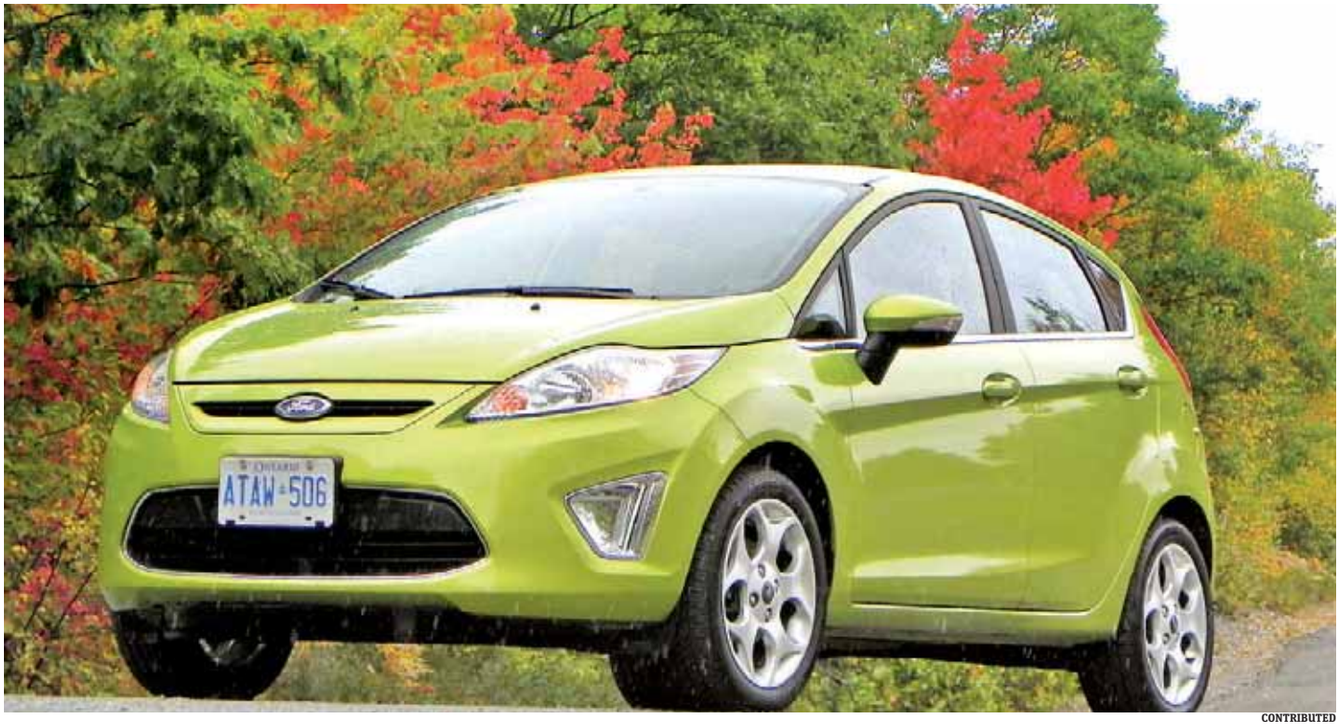
Fiesta hit the Canadian market in its most recent iteration for the 2011 model year, and has just been redesigned for 2014. Shoppers can check out the entry-level Ford out in hatchback or sedan configurations, with trim grades including S, SE, SEL and Titanium representing the ascension from basic to loaded, respectively. Feature content included Bluetooth, 16-inch wheels, heated seats, exterior thermometer, Ford Sync, fog lamps, USB audio inputs, cruise control, ambient interior lighting, capless refueling and more — depending on the model selected.



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Common issues

Start your test-drive with a check of the transmission, ensuring the manual-equipped Fiesta shifts smoothly and is able to engage all gears smoothly. Note any clutch slipping and 'feel' for any signs of the transmission 'grinding' or biting back at you while shifting. Some owners have reported issues with the automatic 'dual clutch' transmission relating to hesitation and 'clumsy' operation.

Strange vibrations or rattling sensations may be signs of trouble. These issues may be remedied by a reprogramming of the computer that controls the transmission—though any gearbox-related issues should be addressed by a Ford mechanic ahead of your purchase. Confirm proper operation of the Ford Sync system, all steering-wheel mounted controls, and the used Fiesta's Bluetooth functionality, if equipped. Confirm proper operation of the air conditioner and climate blower fan on all speed settings.

What owners like

Owners tend to speak most highly about the Fiesta's fun-to-drive character, styling, and flexibility– especially on hatchback models. Solid build and ride quality, as well as great fuel mileage, are noted.

What owners dislike

Cramped rear-seat legroom, modest performance and a tight cabin for larger drivers are among the most common complaints.

Engine

All models got a 1.6 litre four-cylinder engine sending 120 horsepower to the front wheels. A five-speed manual or six-speed 'dual-clutch' automatic were available..

The verdict

Sporty handling, solid build quality and youthful styling — not to mention affordable hatchback flexibility on five-door models. The model looks like a solid used-car buy so far, though shoppers are advised to check for transmission issues for maximum confidence.

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Autoknow. Frustrated with others on the road? Maybe it's time to forget them, be safer in general and just enjoy the ride

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I patiently waited for the green arrow before executing a right turn at a busy intersection.

Sure, I might have been a little slow on the uptake when the green arrow finally lit, but did the minor delay deserve blaring horn abuse from the black BMW X3 sport utility edged in behind me?

A cursory check in the rear view mirror revealed a spectacle behind the wheel of the BMW as a Sharon Stone look-alike engaged in full rant. Hands flying about the cabin accompanied by rapid-fire jaw flap looked like it might have had something to do with me checking the radio dial just as the green arrow did its thing.

The mortified tweenie beside her stared straight ahead, obviously realizing she tipped good old mom's mood by dragging her feet and making them late in the first place.

And now she blows up over this nice man who was asleep at the switch for two seconds.

Over the long haul, experts believe, road stress can drive down moods and job performance while posing a serious threat to those who battle it every day.

Of the more than 500,000 accident reports over the past decade in the United States alone, aggressive-driving accounts for about one of every five crashes with injuries, killing an average of 1,500 people each year.

Stress counsellor Louise Jacob is constantly reforming her own driving habits when she feels pent-up anger over being tailgated, stuck in traffic or cut off by another driver. Sometimes, though, she just tries to get the licence plate number of the offensive driver.

"I just think that way, maybe they could be talked to about what they did," she explains. "Sometimes, people don't even realize how dangerous they are on the road."

Driving persona

Sometimes I wonder if "cranky drivers" are just cranky people, or do they change when they hit the road. Do mild and meek folks strap on a couple of tons of sheet metal, plastic and technology and slip into a persona of power and greed with an attitude the road is theirs and every problem out there is the result of someone else's stupidity?

I call them cranky drivers. By contrast, I am not a cranky driver. Ask anyone who has ever driven with me, even the co-pilots who have been locked up with me for days on end trying to beat down old around-the-world driving records. I've always been in awe of road systems, the machinery that moves them along with roadside life and the fellowship inherent to getting around in a motor vehicle.

My father, who taught me to drive, also taught me to respect other drivers and, aside from Dad's odd mutter about someone being a bonehead, life in the Sowerby sedans was one of relaxation, observation and family fun. There were always road games and nonstop chatter about cars and trucks, boats, trains and planes and the people moving around in them. Even the odd bonehead.

After decades of motoring around the entire planet — and setting many Guinness World Records doing so — I have concluded that Dad was not alone in his advice and example because most vehicles are driven by patient, competent drivers who realize courtesy and understanding go a long way in the motoring world.

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Why should they let a complete stranger merge in front of them when they can bully their own life ahead a car length or two? How can they relax when no one else knows a single thing about lane management or passing discipline?

The pushy ones are generally the cranky ones, too. You see them all over the place. At the slow merge onto the gridlocked freeway, where good citizens are alternating right of way to one another, they don't let you in when it's your turn. Ever make a mistake at a four-way-stop by launching out of sequence?

Do you really need a verbal reaming from some red-faced hack when you're well aware you made a boo-boo?

And what about the dude who slips into the parking space you've been patiently waiting for while someone has been adjusting his or her seat and look for five minutes.

To be honest, I've flipped "the bird" a couple of times through the years when my pacifist goat had finally been gotten. Just a subtle flip with no emotion in my face. I wasn't proud of myself but it felt good at the time.

"Hey, Dad's not really the passive wimp we always thought he was!" the kids may have thought, their minds forever warped because their father couldn't control his emotion.

My usually calm wife Lisa got into a growling match after a driver breezed through a stop sign, coming close to broadsiding her, then blamed the whole affair on her. She still gets a little red-faced when she talks about it.

But I kept my cool with the Sharon Stone wannabe in her perfectly detailed BMW. Who knows? Maybe she wasn't really mad at me at all. Perhaps she was wailing her lungs out to a Luciano Pavarotti CD. And that just might have been a better reason for the tweenie in the front seat beside her to look so mortified.

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PPSA lien registration fee of $45.93 and lien registering agent's fee of $5.65, due at time of delivery are not included. Limited time SE Accessory Package installed for $4.88 more bi-weekly (plus taxes) on a 2014 CR-V LX 2WD includes all advertised items plus "SE" badge. †Representative bi-weekly finance example: 2013 Civic DX Sedan on an 84 month term with 182 bi-weekly payments at 1.99% APR [including $1,600 Finance incentive and $476.65 individual dealer contribution deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes]. Incentives apply only to Finance contracts through HFS, and can be combined with subvented rates of interest offered by Honda as part of a low rate interest program. Finance amount is $14,939. 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Along for the ride

Back in the early days of open-air travel by motorcar, a blanket was a necessity for staying warm, or it was used as a picnic accessory. That tradition continued through most of the 20th century and is still a good idea today. Pendleton is one of the more iconic blanket makers in existence (the company opened its first woolen mill in Oregon back in 1889) and one of its more popular items remains the Motor Robe. The 100-per-cent virgin-wool product is available in eight different patterns and includes a leather carrying strap (another Pendleton classic). The blanket itself measures 52x66 inches (132x167 centimetres), not including the 3.5-inch (nine-centimetre) fringe. You can order the Motor Robe with strap for $98 US from pendletonusa.com.

Great for new drivers

Most of us fondly remember the day we passed our drivers tests and earned our licence. It's definitely a major event in anyone's life and a stepping stone to living independently. In celebration of the occasion, Pam and Alan's Kits for Living company has created a special package for new drivers. Included in each nylon pouch is a "Relax! I'll drive" travel mug, tire gauge, "no cell phone" drawstring bag, handy flashlight, a fuzzy dice key chain plus an instruction card. Each kit costs $25 US and is available from resellers including uncommongoods.com.

Racing on salt

For more than 100 years, racers have been flocking to Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats to attempt land-speed records in a variety of vehicle and motorcycle classes. Photographer and author Peter Vincent has chronicled these tests of driver and machine for many years and has compiled a book entitled The Bonneville Salt Flats. His 272-page coffee-table-style tome focuses on the geography of the region (it's protected by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management) as well as the cars and the drivers who each year come down with a case of salt fever. If you're a fan of Salt Flats racing, or are curious to learn more about the Bonneville experience, Vincent's $85 US book might be for you. Check it out at stanceandspeed.com.

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If you're not dressed properly for cold weather, an unexpected multiple-hour wait for assistance — or a walk to get help — could be uncomfortable at best. At worst, it could jeopardize your safety. ISTOCK

This winter, be ready for an unplanned stop

Driving safety. Dress for the elements and have an emergency kit — even if you're just driving in the city

No matter where you intend to drive this winter, take your time getting there and be prepared for an unplanned roadside stop, says Western Canada's largest network of insurance brokers.

From coast to coast, winter brings an increase in accident claims, adds Denise Lang, regional vice president at Western Financial Group, a company providing car, property, and life insurance to more than 790,000 customers. Whether it's driving in heavy rain during the darker days, a trip up to the cold climates of a local ski hill, or getting to work on a snow day, the winter season spells trouble for motorists.

"The number of accidents goes up in the winter, especially after the first snowfall which typically accounts for the highest number of collisions," Lang continued.

"After a few months of summer road trips, people forget to take the necessary precautions for winter driving. Planning ahead and taking the time to make sure you know what to do in winter conditions is paramount for your safety, which is also our number one concern."

Quoted

"People have a garage-to-garage mentality in terms of going from their house to their destination. The normal story I hear is people just throwing on a pair of shoes and a light jacket before getting in their car."

Denise Lang, regional vice president at Western Financial Group

On average, customer claims can go up more than a third during the winter months compared to the rest of the year, according to industry data.

However, there are some simple steps to avoid a winter collision during subpar driving conditions, says Lang. Some of her top tips include: increase your following distance; focus your attention as far ahead as possible to anticipate lane changes, turns and curves; avoid passing other vehicles; slow down and allow extra time to get to your destination.

With a career in claims spanning more than two decades, one of the main things Lang has learned is that motorists are completely unprepared for being stranded roadside — a situation made worse in winter.

Drivers should dress for the elements and have a winter emergency kit, she points out. "People have a garage-to-garage mentality in terms of going from their house to their destination. The normal story I hear is people just throwing on a pair of shoes and a light jacket before getting in their car," Lang continued.

"Even in the city if you get in an accident or have car problems, a two-block walk or multiple-hour wait for assistance could jeopardize your personal health and safety."

Among Lang's list of must-haves in your car are: fully charged cell phone, flashlight, first-aid kit, blanket, shovel and sand, emergency food pack, booster cables, warning light or road flares, and extra windshield fluid.

And if the unforeseen should happen, Lang stresses that motorists should safeguard themselves if they get out of their car.

"I strongly encourage everyone if their car is driveable, to pull off to a safe place and to use caution when they get out for assessing the damage. By lingering in moving traffic, you risk causing another accident or being seriously hurt by a passing vehicle," she warns.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Some people achieve so much they lose touch with reality, but that's not something you have to worry about. Keep your feet planted firmly on the ground this week, and you'll accomplish more than anyone.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Make sure the needs of loved ones are taken care of today, no matter how mundane. You may wish you were doing something more interesting but people are counting on you and you can't let them down.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
However vague your ambitions may have been in recent months you now know what it is you want and how to go about getting it. Your rivals will try to block your path but they won't succeed.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There is a possibility you will waste money on things you don't need over the next 24 hours. But, if it makes you feel good about yourself, maybe it's not a problem. It's only money.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You will be touchy today, and for no apparent reason. Perhaps it's good you get the bad stuff out of your system now, as later in the week you will have to work closely with people.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may feel vulnerable but try not to withdraw from the world completely. There are still things that need to be done that cannot be done on your own. Try smiling, it helps.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone in a position of power will ask you to take on extra chores today but make sure they define exactly what is expected of you, and make sure you define your limits.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A change of direction may be called for but there is no need to go to extremes. The planets indicate a minor adjustment will be enough to put you back on the path to success.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will be on the move today or tomorrow but if you want your journey to be enjoyable, you should plan before you leave. If you leave things to chance, there's no telling where you might end up.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You cannot afford to make decisions about money matters at the moment. The more others push you to move one way or the other, the more you must insist on staying right where you are. There's really no rush.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have to give up something you enjoy to please others today, but it will be a sacrifice worth making. In the long-term the more loved ones are happy with life, the more you will be happy with life.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your big idea is almost ready to go public with but if you are smart you will go over it one more time, just in case there is something you have missed.

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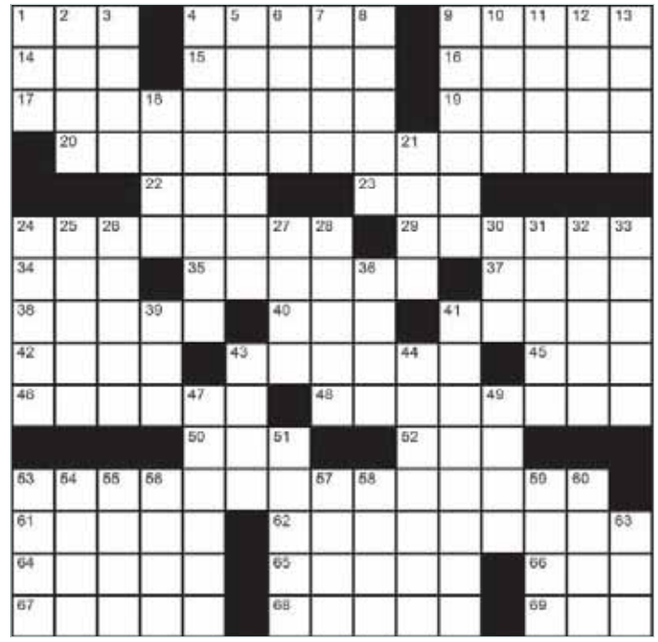
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Ratite bird
4. Bottle type
9. Norwegian dramatist Henrik
14. Poetic contraction
15. League: French
16. Hoity-__
17. Declares
19. "Sharp Dressed Man" band
20. Calgary Flames mascot: 3 wds.
22. Aspiration
23. Battery size
24. Show who's boss: 2 wds.
29. As per #44-Down, pre-video's bottom right corner button after a few seconds: 2 wds.
34. Fit Fiddle link: 2 wds.
35. Like plays, pre-audition
37. Great __ (Dog breed)
38. Guelph-born actress Ms. Campbell's
40. Black Eyed Peas member, __.de.ap
41. "Kung Fu __" (2008)
42. Welsh actor Mr. Gruffudd
43. Produce Dept.: Mango's neighbour
45. Flub
46. Iconic symbol since 1960, created by Toronto-born graphic designer Allan Fleming: acr. + wd.
48. Biblical 12
50. The Who's "Love, Reign __ Me"
52. Theatre's Ms. Hagen
53. Polar Bear, scientific-style: 2 wds.
61. 'Click' dance again
62. Briefcase contents
64. Taper off
65. Sun-dried brick
66. Deer's mom
67. Shirt's info spot
68. Moviedom's Ms. Russo's
69. Choose

Down
1. H, in ancient Greece
2. Ho Chi __ City
3. Forearm bone
4. People line up for shots to avoid it: 2 wds.
5. "Wichita __": 1968 country hit
6. 'A' in CIA, for short
7. Cooking fat
8. Singer of "Tik Tok"
9. Violinist Mr. Perlman
10. Classic television clown
11. What vision correction surgery LASIK stands for, Laser in __ Keratomileusis
12. Collar type
13. Big Apple force [acronym]
18. __ history
21. Cardinal point
24. Janet __, Brockville-born singer/songwriter
25. Apply to: 2 wds.
26. City in Quebec
27. Sports org. founded in 1906
28. 10th Greek letter
30. Ms. Lupino
31. Group on a Sunday talk show
32. Canadian impressionist, __-Philippe Gagnon
33. Beloveds
36. High-fiving sound
39. Antacid brand
41. Interests
43. Greeting card's inner message
44. Viral videos venue
47. Music style
49. Domesticated
51. "M*A*S*H" role
53. Russian river
54. Country singer's 2001 to 2007 sitcom
55. Wild guess
56. 'Grad' add-on (Degree getter)
57. Travelled by horse
58. Legendary star
59. Reverse
60. Discontinue
63. Place

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

3			6		9			7
	9		2		4		6	
		1				4		
		4	1		5	6		
1								9
		2	9		8	3		
		9				5		
	8		7		2		3	
7			8		1			6

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	2	6	4	3	9	7	5	8
5	4	9	6	7	8	1	3	2
3	8	7	5	2	1	4	9	6
2	7	5	9	4	3	8	6	1
8	1	3	7	6	5	2	4	9
9	6	4	1	8	2	3	7	5
6	3	1	2	9	7	5	8	4
4	5	8	3	1	6	9	2	7
7	9	2	8	5	4	6	1	3

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